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The Honorable Randy L. Ewing,
President of the Senate
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Senator Ewing and Representative Downer:

This report contains summary financial information and personnel data on 458 boards, commissions, and like entities. Although state law does not require the report to include boards, commissions, and like entities that are budget units of the state or which are included within such budget units, we have included information identifying these entities. This report is prepared to assist you in controlling the growth and costs of all boards, commissions, and like entities within Louisiana. Information in this report was provided by the boards, commissions, and like entities; it has not been audited, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introduction

Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities Report to the Legislature

Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513.2(E) requires the legislative auditor to submit annually to the legislature a report including summary financial and personnel information on all boards, commissions, and like entities created by law or executive order and to report findings and recommendations resulting from any analysis of the information. Based on our analysis, we submit the following information and recommendations:

- As of September 1998, we identified 458 boards, commissions, and like entities created by existing law or executive order. This represents a net increase of 7% over the number in the prior year.
- Of the 458 entities, 195 pay per diem, salaries, and/or travel of the board members. The current year budgets and prior year amounts totaled \$1,333,897 and \$1,067,684 for per diem payments; \$1,307,055 and \$1,207,055 for board member salaries; and \$2,204,403 and \$1,807,093 for board member travel.
- Fifty-four boards, commissions, and like entities that were created during 1997 or earlier have never been fully organized, have disbanded, or are currently inactive. The legislature or governor, as applicable, should consider abolishing these entities.
- We were unable to determine the status of six boards, commissions, or like entities. Based on other information available to us, we recommend that the legislature consider abolishing these entities.
- We identified two boards, commissions, and like entities with insufficient resources to continue the purposes for which they were established. The legislature should consider abolishing these entities.
- Other recommendations requiring legislative action:
 - Legislation establishing the Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care as a licensing agency in the Department of Health and Hospitals should be revised, as this entity does not serve a licensing function.
 - Legislation should be considered to merge the North Bossier Levee District with the Bossier Levee District.
 - Legislation providing for the governor to appoint an executive director of the Offshore Terminal Authority, rather than a governing board, should be enacted.
- Twenty-three boards, commissions, and like entities, 16 of which we determined are active, did not provide the requested information. Louisiana law requires these entities to provide requested information.

Legislative Mandate

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513.2(E) requires the legislative auditor to submit annually to the legislature a report containing summary financial information and personnel data on (1) boards, commissions, and like entities created by law or executive order that are made part of, or are placed in, the executive branch of state government; and (2) local boards, commissions, and like entities that are specifically created by law. The statute provides for the legislative auditor to report findings and recommendations resulting from any analysis performed of the information.

Growth of Entities

This report identifies 458 boards, commissions, and like entities, as of September 1998. Our previous reports included the following number of entities.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Entities</u>
1992	338
1993	360
1994	441
1995	454
1996	456
1997	418
1998	428

Overall, these comparisons reflect an increase in the growth of boards, commissions, and like entities. The 1997 decrease in the number of such entities is primarily attributable to the termination, in accordance with R.S. 49:215(C), of entities that were created by executive order of the prior administration.

The recommendations included in this report are intended to control the growth of boards, commissions, and like entities.

Report Organization

Within the report, the boards, commissions, and like entities are grouped into five categories: (1) licensing agencies; (2) port commissions and harbor districts; (3) levee districts; (4) other boards, commissions, and like entities; and (5) budget units. The entities are arranged alphabetically within each category and an alphabetical index is included on pages F-1 through F-10 of this report.

Information Requested

R.S. 24:513.2(F) directs all agencies, boards, commissions, and departments of the state and its political subdivisions to furnish information and reports as requested by the legislative auditor to fulfill his responsibilities. R.S. 39:1335 and 1336 require licensing agencies to submit information on forms that were developed jointly by the legislative auditor and the legislative fiscal office and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. The information required by licensing agency forms includes summary and detailed information pertaining to actual and budgeted revenues by source, expenditures by category, and fund balances; the number of classified and unclassified

personnel; performance indicators; and certain general information pertaining to the board and its authority and functions.

All other boards, commissions, and like entities, except budget units, were requested to complete and submit similar forms, except that the financial and budget information was requested in summary form only and information pertaining to performance indicators was not requested. Budget units and entities that did not receive or expend funds, although member travel and per diem may have been paid through another entity, were requested to complete and submit forms to provide general information pertaining to the entity, its members, and its authority and functions.

Incomplete Responses

In some instances, the submitted information was incomplete; in these instances, we have indicated that the information was not provided.

No Response Received

Some boards, commissions, and like entities did not respond to our request for financial information and personnel data. In these instances, we have provided general information about the entities and indicated that the specific information which we requested is unknown.

New Entities

This report includes basic information about those boards, commissions, and like entities that were created by law or executive order during 1998, and which were not fully organized at the time the financial and personnel information was requested.

Information Unaudited

Information included in this report was provided by the boards, commissions, and like entities; it has not been audited by this office, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the information. We did correct obvious errors in the submitted information.

Financial Information

Of the 458 boards, commissions, and like entities included in this report, 231 reported that their members do not receive any per diem payments, salaries, or travel expense reimbursements. Conversely, 195 such entities reported that their members do receive these payments. Another 32 boards, commissions, and like entities did not provide financial information on per diem payments, salary, and travel expense reimbursements.

Financial information relating to prior year payments and current year budgets for these costs is included in the body of this report and summarized by report category below.

Financial Information			
Payments Made to Board, Commission, or Like Entity Members			
	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Travel</u>
Licensing Agencies:			
Prior Year Actual	\$242,688	None	\$545,072
Current Year Budget	\$258,430	None	\$624,256
Port Commissions:			
Prior Year Actual	\$83,050	\$102,900	\$184,056
Current Year Budget	\$64,300	\$103,000	\$220,310
Levee Districts:			
Prior Year Actual	\$159,543	\$93,042	\$92,863
Current Year Budget	\$220,509	\$102,636	\$122,479
Other Boards and Commissions:			
Prior Year Actual	\$118,345	\$241,578	\$320,945
Current Year Budget	\$169,859	\$215,291	\$394,813
Budget Units:			
Prior Year Actual	\$464,058	\$769,535	\$664,157
Current Year Budget	\$620,799	\$886,128	\$842,545
TOTALS			
Prior Year Actual	\$1,067,684	\$1,207,055	\$1,807,093
Current Year Budget	\$1,333,897	\$1,307,055	\$2,204,403

Inactive Entities

Responses to our request for financial information and personnel data from the following 54 boards, commissions, and like entities revealed that the entities were never fully organized; were disbanded with no plans to reorganize; are inactive; or have no funding prospects to undertake the functions for which they were established, even though the board members may continue to meet.

Because these entities are not fulfilling their established functions, the legislature or governor, as applicable, should consider their abolishment.

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As of February 5, 1999, we were unable to determine the actual status of the following six boards, commissions, and like entities. Because we have not received any indication that they are fulfilling their established functions, we recommend they be abolished.

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Insufficient Resources

Certain factors, such as the inability to generate adequate revenues, cause concern that an entity may require assistance from outside sources to continue the purposes for which it was established. Based on the information provided and other information available to us, we conclude that the Certified Stress Analysts Board (A-35) and the Polygraph Board (A-42) do not have sufficient resources to fulfill their established purpose, causing us to question their viability. We recommend these entities be abolished, and their duties be transferred to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services.

**Entity Deemed
Licensing Agency**

Licensing agencies are responsible for regulating, examining, certifying, and/or licensing persons in the state and enforcing laws relating thereto and are required to comply with the "Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act" as contained in R.S. 39:1331 through 39:1342. As of February 5, 1999, the Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care (page A-1) is deemed a licensing agency because it was transferred to the Department of Health and Hospitals pursuant to R.S. 36:803, which specifically relates to licensing agency transfers. This entity serves neither the purpose nor the function of a licensing agency.

Legislation should be amended to organizationally place this entity within the Department of Health and Hospitals using another provision of law.

**Entities Should
Be Merged**

The North Bossier Levee District Board of Commissioners (page C-11) has limited resources and maintains a small section of the levee within Bossier Parish. A representative of the board has expressed the board's desire to merge with the Bossier Levee District Board of Commissioners (page C-2).

The legislature should consider merging the North Bossier Levee District and the Bossier Levee District.

**Absence of a
Governing Board**

The statute creating the Offshore Terminal Authority Board of Commissioners (page E-94) provides for a governing board of commissioners to be appointed by the governor. Responses to our request for information about the board confirmed that there are no appointments made to a board of commissioners, rather an executive director is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The legislature should consider amending legislation to remove the provision for a board of commissioners and to provide for the appointment of the executive director.

No Responses

As of February 5, 1999, we identified 23 boards, commissions, and like entities that have not responded to our requests for personnel data and financial information. Based on other information available to us, we determined that 16 of the 23 entities are active. However, we are unable to determine the status of the other seven, for which we make no recommendation at this time.

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Licensing Agencies



Licensing agencies are charged by law with regulating, examining, certifying, and/or licensing persons in Louisiana, and enforcing the laws relating thereto. Each of the following licensing agencies is subject to budget review and is required to comply with all accounting, reporting, auditing, and reviewing requirements that are applicable to budget units.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RESPIRATORY CARE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3356
Year created	1985
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners in licensing and regulating persons practicing respiratory therapy.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	<p>The committee is deemed a licensing agency by R.S. 36:259(E)(18) as provided by R.S. 36:803; however, the committee does not appear to serve either the purpose or function of a licensing agency.</p> <p>As of February 5, 1999, the committee had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).</p>
Recommendation	Since this committee does not perform a licensing function, the legislature may wish to organizationally place this committee within the Department of Health and Hospitals under R.S. 36:801 or 36:802 rather than R.S. 36:803.

AUCTIONEERS LICENSING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Mary Norton
Executive Assistant
(225) 925-3921

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3111	
Year created	1984	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged statutorily to adopt and enforce rules and regulations necessary for the proper regulation of auctions and auction houses under its jurisdiction in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$97 per meeting	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$84,313	\$85,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$70,694	\$85,400
Per diem	\$5,958	\$10,000
Members' travel expenses	\$5,619	\$10,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$34,121	\$34,221
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	50	Not provided
Examinations taken	22	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD FOR HEARING AID DEALERS

Contact: Ms. Melanie Dye
Administrative Secretary
(318) 362-3014

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2441	
Year created	1969	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for protecting the public welfare by overseeing those persons rendering or offering to render services for the sale, maintenance, and repair of any type of hearing aid device and for examining and licensing hearing aid dealers in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$17,117	\$22,115
Total expenses/expenditures	\$22,535	\$22,115
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,920	\$2,600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$46,183	\$46,183
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	123	155
Examinations taken	26	25
Enforcement actions closed	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Teeny Simmons
Executive Director
(225) 925-4802

Legal authority	R.S. 37:142	
Year created	1910	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for conducting examinations, granting licenses, and regulating the practice of architecture within Louisiana.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	2 classified; 1 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$287,422	\$288,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$278,992	\$313,774
which include:		
Per diem	\$4,125	\$6,000
Members' travel expenses	\$19,748	\$22,600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$228,917	\$229,917
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	2,996	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	15	20
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. James A. Adams
Chairman
(225) 925-1701

Legal authority	R.S. 37:341	
Year created	1928	
Organizational placement	Department of Labor	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with examining and licensing barbers and barber schools, registering and inspecting barber shops, and regulating the barbering industry in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$100 per day spent on board business	
Employees	4 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$191,141	\$192,200
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$211,763	\$190,500
Per diem	\$7,600	\$8,000
Members' travel expenses	\$10,320	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$127,842	\$129,542
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	4,577	4,746
Examinations taken	59	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS

Contact: Ms. Frances D. Webb
Administrative Assistant
(225) 927-7600

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3373	
Year created	1987	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged to establish certification requirements, examine candidates, and investigate and regulate substance abuse counselors and compulsive gambler counselors.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$59,020	\$64,500
Total expenses/expenditures	\$62,344	\$64,392
which include:		
Per diem	\$2,100	\$3,000
Members' travel expenses	\$3,935	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	(\$23,198)	(\$23,090)
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	170	385
Enforcement actions closed	3	Not provided
Comments	Legislation was passed in 1997, which requires the board to license compulsive gambling counselors. This additional revenue should eliminate the deficit fund balance.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Contact: Mr. Michael Henderson
Executive Director
(504) 566-1244

Legal authority	R.S. 37:71	
Year created	1908	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining applicants to be certified public accountants, identifying and establishing measures of control over individuals who have met prescribed requirements and who offer their services to the public as professional accountants, and taking appropriate administrative action to regulate the practice of public accounting in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 15	
Authorized per diem	Officers - \$150; Other members - \$100	
Employees	6 classified; 3 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$594,454	\$603,295
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$556,790	\$626,057
Per diem	\$10,200	\$10,200
Members' travel expenses	\$23,353	\$28,780
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$610,010	\$587,248
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	10,410	10,165
Examinations taken	1,175	1,400
Enforcement actions closed	135	241
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Suzanne L. Pevey
Administrator
(225) 763-5470

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2704	
Year created	1972	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with safeguarding the public against the unauthorized, unqualified, and improper practice of board certified social work. The board is empowered to train, educate, examine, and license board certified social workers so that competency may be assured. The board accepts examinations administered by the American Association of State Social Work Boards.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 11	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$218,050	\$211,800
Total expenses/expenditures	\$203,250	\$216,844
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$36,939	\$43,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$119,090	\$114,046
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	33	21
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Patricia A. Oliver
Executive Director
(225) 765-2322

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2802	
Year created	1974	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board licenses and regulates chiropractors in the state, approves educational training, certifies the proficiency of chiropractic assistants, and conducts hearings on charges for the revocation or suspension of a license.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	1 unclassified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$140,990	\$123,800
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$144,235	\$161,980
Per diem	\$3,700	\$3,600
Members' travel expenses	\$19,453	\$25,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$82,282	\$44,102
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	48	Not provided
Comments	The board should limit expenditures to available resources.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Contact: Mr. C. Barry Ogden
Executive Director
(504) 568-8574

Legal authority	R.S. 37:753
Year created	1880
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining and licensing applicants for the professions of dentist and dental hygienist and for investigating complaints of illegal practices when evidence is presented to the board.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$150 per day spent on board business
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	As of February 5, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1998, biennial audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 2000 biennial audit is currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Cheri L. Miller
Chairperson
(318) 463-6180

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3061	
Year created	1979	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining and licensing applicants, accrediting electrolysis schools, and inspecting practitioners' offices for sanitary practices.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 4	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$21,765	\$23,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$20,060	\$24,300
Per diem	\$700	\$1,000
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$10,897	\$9,597
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	165	165
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Contact: Ms. Dawn P. Scardino
Executive Director
(504) 838-5109

Legal authority	R.S. 37:832
Year created	1914
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board regulates embalmers, funeral homes, and professional funeral home directors and handles consumer complaints. It also prescribes requirements for funeral homes and other establishments engaged in the care and disposition of dead human bodies.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$100 per day spent on board business
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	As of February 5, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, biennial audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS

Contact: Mr. Kemp Wright
Executive Director
(225) 922-0009

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2503	
Year created	1969	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board was created to develop, impose, and enforce standards for licensing nursing home administrators. The board issues licenses and investigates complaints. In addition, it approves and coordinates continuing education and conducts studies toward improving the standards of practice of registered nurses and nursing home operations.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	7 classified; 4 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$238,831	\$451,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$335,949	\$357,242
which include:		
Per diem	\$5,512	\$7,200
Members' travel expenses	\$4,167	\$4,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$19,116	\$112,874
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided
Examinations taken	Not provided	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SANITARIANS

Contact: Mr. William P. Goins
Secretary-Treasurer
(318) 676-7489

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2102	
Year created	1954	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining and issuing licenses to individuals qualified to inspect, educate, and investigate in the field of environmental sanitation and public health.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$6,054	\$6,400
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$6,795	\$7,030
Per diem	\$320	\$480
Members' travel expenses	\$253	\$1,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$10,872	\$10,272
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	490	495
Examinations taken	5	10
Enforcement actions closed	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Contact: Ms. Suzanne L. Pevey
Administrator
(225) 763-5480

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2654	
Year created	1972	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the licensure and regulation of persons practicing speech-language pathology and/or audiology in the state. The board recognizes the NTE Area Exam in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$198,634	\$165,800
Total expenses/expenditures	\$155,311	\$162,395
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$30,796	\$38,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$141,851	\$145,256
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	2,756	2,950
Enforcement actions closed	8	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

Contact: Ms. Tonya Romaine
Executive Director
(225) 219-4732

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2551	
Year created	1970	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with encouraging proficiency in the practice of shorthand reporting as a profession, promoting efficiency in court and general reporting, and extending to the courts and public protection afforded by a standardized profession.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$94,695	\$93,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$77,504	\$93,000
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$102,915	\$102,915
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,085	1,185
Examinations taken	81	105
Enforcement actions closed	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

Contact: Ms. Suzanne L. Pevey
Administrator
(225) 763-5490

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3084	
Year created	1987	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the licensure and regulation of persons practicing the profession of dietetics and nutrition. The board accepts examinations administered by the American Dietetic Association.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$39,917	\$27,730
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$38,082	\$57,803
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$4,293	\$7,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$42,636	\$12,563
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	864	924
Enforcement actions closed	7	Not provided
Comments	The board should limit expenditures to available resources.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Contact: Ms. Mary Norton
Executive Assistant
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Legal authority	R.S. 37:3171	
Year created	1984	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state by prohibiting the use of the title "interior designer" by nonlicensed persons, establishing rules and criteria for licensing, protecting the public from those not competent, and prescribing penalties for violations.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$97 per meeting	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$68,197	\$72,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$49,336	\$65,723
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,285	\$2,250
Members' travel expenses	\$1,509	\$1,400
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$65,827	\$72,104
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	11	Not provided
Examinations taken	300	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Contact: Ms. Ouida M. Nugent
Accountant
(225) 752-3425

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2353	
Year created	1964	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensure and regulation of psychologists within the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 18; current year estimated - 22	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	1 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$135,647	\$137,500
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$133,451	\$137,500
Per diem	\$7,873	\$8,375
Members' travel expenses	\$7,974	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$11,034	\$11,034
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	474	486
Examinations taken	31	41
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Pam Dier
Library Programs Coordinator
(225) 342-4926

Legal authority	R.S. 25:222	
Year created	1926	
Organizational placement	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations; electing officers; and prescribing examinations, qualifications, conditions, and requirements for persons seeking certificates or permits to practice the profession of librarian. License revenue is remitted to the State Library of Louisiana.	
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$20	\$25
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$20	\$25
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	Not provided	Not provided
Examinations taken	4	5
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Contact: Ms. Kayla Aymond
Executive Director
(225) 658-8941

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3554	
Year created	1992	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the examination, licensure, registration, investigation, and regulation of persons practicing as massage therapists within the state. The board may establish continuing education requirements for license renewal and criteria for certifying massage therapy instructors.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$164,221	\$172,325
Total expenses/expenditures	\$153,430	\$171,864
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,600	\$5,100
Members' travel expenses	\$2,944	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$23,194	\$23,655
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,816	1,635
Examinations taken	309	Not provided
Enforcement actions closed	12	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1263	
Year created	1894	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examination, licensure or certification, and regulation of doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and podiatry; midwives; occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; respiratory therapists and technicians; acupuncturists and acupuncture assistants; et cetera.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	38 classified; 2 unclassified; 5 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$2,986,979	\$3,054,176
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,319,518	\$2,595,586
which include:		
Per diem	\$6,600	\$6,800
Members' travel expenses	\$21,316	\$22,132
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$2,301,332	\$2,759,922
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	22,273	24,038
Examinations taken	38	17
Enforcement actions closed	449	290
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF NURSING

Contact: Ms. Barbara L. Morvant
Executive Director
(504) 838-5385

Legal authority	R.S. 37:914	
Year created	1912	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for safeguarding the life and health of Louisiana residents through the regulation of persons practicing or offering to practice as a registered nurse. The board establishes minimum curriculum requirements and approves nursing schools.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 20; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	18 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,458,644	\$1,818,824
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,586,499	\$1,818,824
Per diem	\$14,700	\$24,750
Members' travel expenses	\$41,928	\$56,100
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,092,646	\$618,747
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	42,174	40,975
Examinations taken	2,345	2,175
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS

Contact: Dr. James Sandefur
Secretary
(318) 335-3225

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1042	
Year created	1918	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing and regulating optometrists in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 7	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$104,091	\$104,750
Total expenses/expenditures	\$63,807	\$60,273
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,750	\$4,650
Members' travel expenses	\$2,655	\$5,776
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$132,029	\$168,829
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	485	489
Examinations taken	20	18
Enforcement actions closed	5	5
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Contact: Mr. Fred H. Mills, Jr.
Executive Director
(225) 925-6496

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1172	
Year created	1888	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for promulgating rules to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the state, examining and licensing pharmacists, issuing permits and drug kits, and inspecting pharmacies.	
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	6 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,192,755	\$903,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,032,856	\$902,289
which include:		
Per diem	\$37,275	\$25,700
Members' travel expenses	\$123,987	\$97,700
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$914,419	\$915,130
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	11,405	10,980
Examinations taken	3,015	700
Enforcement actions closed	136	150
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. John I. Barton
 Certified Public Accountant
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Legal authority	R.S. 37:2401.1	
Year created	1987	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining applications for the practice of physical therapy, issuing licenses or permits to those possessing the necessary qualifications, and regulating the practice of physical therapy in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$305,644	\$313,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$260,797	\$313,668
which include:		
Per diem	\$5,350	\$6,000
Members' travel expenses	\$3,911	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$426,614	\$425,946
Performance indicators	Not provided	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Dennis Mann
Executive Director
(504) 838-5791

Legal authority	R.S. 37:962	
Year created	1948	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board prescribes minimum curricula and standards for practical nurses, examines and licenses qualified applicants, accredits practical nurse schools and courses, and conducts hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	9 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$593,439	\$585,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$689,647	\$692,334
Per diem	\$4,725	\$4,725
Members' travel expenses	\$6,822	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$359,476	\$252,141
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	22,028	22,000
Enforcement actions closed	428	452
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Jim Brown
Executive Director
(225) 763-3556

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3504	
Year created	1992	
Organizational placement	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining, licensing, registering, and regulating persons practicing as private investigators and private investigator businesses in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$284,848	\$276,400
Total expenses/expenditures	\$220,752	\$259,700
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$9,858	\$9,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$186,776	\$203,476
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,500	1,500
Examinations taken	500	300
Enforcement actions closed	55	61
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PRIVATE SECURITY EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Wayne R. Rogillio
Executive Secretary
(225) 295-8486

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3273	
Year created	1985	
Organizational placement	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing, regulating, and examining the contract security industry. The board is empowered to invoke disciplinary action by fine or revocation or suspension of licenses.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	9 classified; 2 unclassified; 7 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$412,410	\$416,050
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$401,632	\$415,842
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$5,321	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$286,839	\$287,047
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	8,498	10,000
Examinations taken	57	60
Enforcement actions closed	2,236	2,312
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Contact: Ms. Alice Martina
Administrative Manager
(225) 295-8522

Legal authority	R.S. 37:683	
Year created	1908	
Organizational placement	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining, certifying, registering, and disciplining engineers and land surveyors in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$80 per day spent on board business	
Employees	9 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,019,360	\$1,094,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$824,583	\$988,702
which include:		
Per diem	\$24,108	\$25,000
Members' travel expenses	\$30,073	\$58,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$375,876	\$481,174
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	21,509	20,000
Examinations taken	1,348	1,500
Enforcement actions closed	132	150
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Charles Mann
Executive Director
(225) 342-2176

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1515
Year created	1908
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining and determining the qualifications and fitness of applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the state. The board investigates complaints against and disciplines licensees.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business
Employees	2 unclassified; 1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	As of February 5, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1998, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1999 and 2000 audits are currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOARD OF WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTORS

Contact: Mr. John Liggio
Executive Director
(225) 295-8567

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3463	
Year created	1988	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board reviews and certifies applicants as wholesale drug distributors, regulates the distribution of legend drugs, promulgates rules and regulations, monitors compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations, and conducts inspections of wholesale drug facilities. The board does not administer examinations.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$137,709	\$143,175
Total expenses/expenditures	\$124,168	\$138,174
which include:		
Per diem	\$1,500	\$3,000
Members' travel expenses	\$1,400	\$1,800
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$162,469	\$167,470
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	655	575
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Fielding Lewis
Chairman
(318) 828-7154

Legal authority	R.S. 4:61
Year created	1974
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission regulates and licenses boxing and wrestling contests or exhibitions held, conducted, or given within the state.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the commission did not submit information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1996, annual audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 biennial audit is currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CEMETERY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Lucille L. McCann
 Director
 (504) 838-5267

Legal authority	R.S. 8:61	
Year created	1974	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board licenses cemeteries and monitors and reviews perpetual care and merchandise trust funds. The board also investigates consumer complaints and concerns.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$140,701	\$135,475
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$128,618	\$139,283
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,410	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$56,825	\$53,017
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	497	488
Examinations taken	None	None
Enforcement actions closed	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CERTIFIED STRESS ANALYSTS BOARD

Contact: Mr. Hezekiah L. Clark
 Secretary-Treasurer
 (504) 241-5944

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2865
Year created	1981
Organizational placement	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board certifies and regulates persons who use instrumentation to analyze changes in voice patterns for the purpose of detecting deception or verifying truthful statements.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	<p>For the second year, the board did not submit information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1996, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is currently engaged.</p> <p>In prior reports, we questioned whether this board should continue to operate because of its limited resources.</p>
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board and transferring its functions to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services.

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. Lin Falcon
Administrative Assistant
(225) 765-2515

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1104	
Year created	1987	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing and regulating persons practicing as mental health counselors and those who use the title "licensed professional counselor." The board accepts examinations administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$117,008	\$148,500
Total expenses/expenditures	\$100,237	\$123,649
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$5,932	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$105,177	\$130,028
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	632	690
Enforcement actions closed	13	6
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Ms. DeVonna Ponthieu
Administrative Assistant
(225) 924-4935

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3444	
Year created	1988	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing, examining, and regulating the practice of rehabilitation counseling in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$24,675	\$23,560
Total expenses/expenditures	\$37,502	\$39,132
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	\$600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$14,682	(\$890)
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	456	465
Examinations taken	15	20
Enforcement actions closed	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS

Contact: Ms. Kelli Gautreaux
Accountant
(225) 765-2301

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2151	
Year created	1956	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing and regulating contractors. In addition, it is responsible for the health, safety, and general welfare of all contractees and the affording of such persons of an effective and practical protection against the incompetent, inexperienced, unlawful, and fraudulent acts of contractors.	
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	53 classified; 8 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$2,448,171	\$3,926,982
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,930,410	\$3,084,880
which include:		
Per diem	\$36,732	\$31,500
Members' travel expenses	\$37,336	\$39,818
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$2,031,351	\$2,873,453
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	14,226	13,500
Examinations taken	3,417	3,200
Enforcement actions closed	160	296
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Cynthia S. Styron
Accountant Technician
(504) 838-5207

Legal authority	R.S. 32:1253
Year created	1954
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission regulates and licenses motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, new and used car dealers and their agents, leasing/rental companies, lessors operating in the state, and sales finance companies to prevent fraud, impositions, and other abuses upon the citizens. The board does not examine applicants for licensure.
Members	<i>Number authorized - 14; currently serving - unknown</i>
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting
Employees	9 classified; 2 unclassified; 3 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	As of February 5, 1999, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1998, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Pat Faxon
 Department of Health and Hospitals
 (225) 342-4773

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1007
Year created	1991
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission was created to study all aspects of the supply of and demand for nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, nurses who have a baccalaureate degree, and nurse educators and to recommend action necessary to the resolution of any shortage of nurses.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Performance indicators	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals reported that the commission is currently in an inactive posture. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

PLUMBING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Don Traylor
Executive Director
(504) 826-2382

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1361	
Year created	1924	
Organizational placement	Department of Labor	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for protecting all persons who use and rely upon plumbing and medical gas piping systems for personal or commercial need and for affording protection against incompetent, inexperienced, or unlawful acts by persons who perform work on plumbing and medical gas piping systems. The board qualifies and examines applicants for plumbers' licenses and serves, licenses, and enforces the law.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	5 classified; 2 unclassified; 8 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$488,169	\$496,800
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$502,049	\$619,201
Per diem	\$11,250	\$18,000
Members' travel expenses	\$7,864	\$12,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$349,194	\$226,793
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	4,646	5,325
Examinations taken	742	1,180
Enforcement actions closed	513	450
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

POLYGRAPH BOARD

Contact: Mrs. Vicki H. King
Secretary
(225) 389-3836

Legal authority R.S. 37:2835
Year created 1980
Organizational placement Department of Economic Development
Status Active
Purpose/function The board regulates all persons who use polygraph instrumentation to detect deception or verify the truth of statements and provides a system for certification for these individuals.
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$4,430	\$3,560
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,660	\$3,240
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$762	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$10,561	\$10,881

Performance indicators	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Licenses issued/renewed	91	91
Examinations taken	7	7
Enforcement actions closed	Not provided	Not provided

Comments With such limited resources, we question whether this board should continue to operate.

Recommendation The legislature should consider abolishing the board and transferring its functions to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services.

RADIO AND TELEVISION TECHNICIANS BOARD

Contact: Mr. Jessie E. Pugh
Administrator
(225) 383-0185

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2303
Year created	1958
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing and regulating professionals who service and repair radios, televisions, and recording devices.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day
Employees	2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Performance indicators	Not provided
Comments	As of February 5, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, biennial audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Contact: Mr. Richard S. Whitehorn
Executive Director
(504) 838-5231

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3201	
Year created	1984	
Organizational placement	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for examining, licensing, and regulating qualified applicants as radiologic technologists, and to protect the public from the misuse of ionizing radiation.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	1 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$113,391	\$174,500
Total expenses/expenditures	\$127,193	\$155,520
which include:		
Per diem	\$19,000	\$3,500
Members' travel expenses	\$2,847	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$311,932	\$318,980
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	1,600	5,000
Examinations taken	310	320
Enforcement actions closed	5	8
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS STATE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

Contact: Mr. Albert Rowe
Accountant II
(225) 925-4789

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3394	
Year created	1987	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing educational requirements for state certified real estate appraisers and for issuing certificates and conducting disciplinary proceedings. The board contracts for examination services.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	1 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$112,200	\$99,560
Total expenses/expenditures	\$96,625	\$124,965
which include:		
Per diem	\$4,750	\$10,800
Members' travel expenses	\$5,904	\$16,550
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$59,426	\$34,021
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	447	410
Enforcement actions closed	5	7
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Albert Rowe
Accountant II
(225) 925-4789

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1432	
Year created	1920	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for licensing real estate brokers, associate brokers, salesmen, and schools and for regulating the real estate business in the state. The commission contracts for examination services.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	33 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,741,475	\$1,888,265
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,446,618	\$1,754,871
which include:		
Per diem	\$10,550	\$16,200
Members' travel expenses	\$39,217	\$40,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$2,412,297	\$2,545,691
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	19,626	20,895
Enforcement actions closed	120	100
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

USED MOTOR VEHICLE AND PARTS COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Lynette Binning
Accountant 2
(225) 925-3870

Legal authority	R.S. 32:772	
Year created	1984	
Organizational placement	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission licenses and regulates salesmen and sales representatives of used cars and truck dealers; new and used motor homes, trailers, semi-trailers, all terrain vehicles, and motorcycles; automotive dismantlers; parts recyclers; boat dealers; and dealers, manufacturers, and distributors of marine products and motorcycles. The commission does not administer examinations.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	20 classified; 3 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,003,591	\$967,835
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$837,165	\$944,635
Per diem	\$7,425	\$12,600
Members' travel expenses	\$17,306	\$17,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,136,020	\$1,159,220
Performance indicators		
Licenses issued/renewed	12,466	11,500
Enforcement actions closed	602	600
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

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Port Commissions and Harbor Districts



A board of commissioners administers and operates each of the following port commissions and harbor districts and regulates commerce and traffic of these ports and harbors in such a manner as may be in the best interest of the public. The boards have charge of and administer wharfs, docks, sheds, and landings and are empowered to construct or acquire and equip wharfs, landings, and other structures useful for the commerce of the port areas. The port commissions and harbor districts may charge reasonable fees to each vessel arriving in the port area and may enter into contracts and leases for the use of the facilities or any part or portion thereof.

ABBEVILLE HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. James Campbell
Executive Director
(318) 893-9465

Legal authority R.S. 34:333.1
Year created 1954
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$436,484	\$472,069
Total expenses/expenditures	\$421,379	\$467,915
<i>which include:</i>		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,116,947	\$1,121,358

Recommendation No change recommended.

ALEXANDRIA REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. John F. Marzullo
Executive Director
(318) 473-1848

Legal authority R.S. 34:335.1
Year created 1987
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	April 30, 1998	April 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,210,044	\$1,366,268
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,217,268	\$1,519,496
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$263,296	\$110,068

Recommendation No change recommended.

AVOYELLES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Gene Britton
President
(318) 346-7011

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1801
Year created	1960
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The commission is in the process of negotiating a lease with a private party. The commission could begin receiving funds in the spring of 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Gloria Washington
Director of Administrative Services
(318) 861-4981

Legal authority R.S. 34:3158
Year created 1962
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 11 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$16,748,550	\$31,208,650
Total expenses/expenditures	\$7,496,868	\$29,444,646
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$29,110	\$25,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,578,480	\$3,342,484

Recommendation No change recommended.

CATAHOULA PARISH PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Shelia Clark
Catahoula Parish Police Jury
(318) 744-5435

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2151
Year created	1964
Status	Never fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fifth year, a representative of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury informed us that the commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

COLUMBIA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bruce Frazier
 President
 (318) 649-5988

Legal authority R.S. 34:1901
Year created 1962
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$15,926	\$15,742
Total expenses/expenditures	None	\$12,134
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$123,445	\$124,553

Comments The port has one warehouse leased and is currently searching for more lessees.

Recommendation No change recommended.

CONCORDIA PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Robbie Shirley
Concordia Parish Police Jury
(318) 336-7151

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1851
Year created	1960
Status	Inactive
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fifth year, a representative of the Concordia Parish Police Jury informed us that there have been no appointments to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

EAST CAMERON PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Darrell Williams
Secretary
(318) 775-5718

Legal authority R.S. 34:2501
Year created 1962
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem None
Employees 1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$67,611	\$68,815
Total expenses/expenditures	\$13,495	\$12,800
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$815,129	\$871,144

Comments Administrative duties of the commission are performed by employees of the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Recommendation No change recommended.

GRAND ISLE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Andy Galliano
 Secretary-Treasurer
 (504) 878-2500

Legal authority R.S. 34:3251
Year created 1982
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 14
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$101,765	\$91,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$41,614	\$70,000
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$60,151	\$81,151

Recommendation No change recommended.

GRANT PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Randy Briggs
Grant Parish Police Jury
(318) 627-3157

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2351
Year created	1966
Status	Never fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the sixth year, a representative of the Grant Parish Police Jury informed us that commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Al Starns
 Director of Finance
 (225) 342-1660

Legal authority R.S. 34:1221
Year created 1952
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 25
Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting
Employees 51 classified; 2 unclassified; 2 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	October 31, 1998	October 31, 1999
Total revenues	\$3,690,829	\$4,241,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$4,402,407	\$5,061,406
which include:		
Per diem	\$22,650	\$27,000
Members' travel expenses	\$2,459	\$22,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$16,454,610	\$15,186,753

Recommendation No change recommended.

GREATER KROTZ SPRINGS PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Gary Soileau
Executive Director
(318) 566-8867

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1451
Year created	1956
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 36; current year estimated - 36
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting
Employees	2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$250,234	\$264,417
Total expenses/expenditures	\$304,169	\$330,466
which include:		
Per diem	\$24,300	\$24,300
Members' travel expenses	\$6,308	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$2,587,022	\$2,520,973

Recommendation	No change recommended.
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GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Susan Martin
 Accountant Administrator I
 (504) 632-6701

Legal authority R.S. 34:1651
Year created 1960
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem \$50 per day spent on board business
Employees 18 classified; 3 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$6,497,709	\$7,645,350
Total expenses/expenditures	\$8,243,396	\$6,568,260
which include:		
Per diem	\$28,600	\$30,000
Members' travel expenses	\$2,780	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$28,743,908	\$33,820,828

Recommendation No change recommended.

GREATER OUACHITA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
(225) 342-0919

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1401
Year created	1998
Status	Not fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Governor's Office informed us October 19, 1998, that no appointments had been made to the commission.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

**JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PORT
DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Scott A. Adams
Executive Director
(504) 833-1881

Legal authority R.S. 34:2021
Year created 1963
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 21
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem None
Employees 6 classified; 12 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$1,455,500	\$1,561,400
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,379,600	\$1,618,100
<i>which include:</i>		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$201,386	\$144,686

Recommendation No change recommended.

LAFAYETTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Gregg Gothreaux
President and Chief Executive Officer
(318) 234-2986

Legal authority	R.S. 34:291
Year created	1971
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	8 unclassified; 6 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 and 1999 audits are currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**LAKE CHARLES HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Glenwood W. Wiseman
Executive Director
(318) 439-3661

Legal authority	R.S. 34:201	
Year created	1924	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 16	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	119 classified; 10 unclassified; 24 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$21,493,945	\$22,356,582
Total expenses/expenditures	\$18,023,648	\$18,593,930
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$40,805	\$40,810
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$141,851,431	\$146,478,398
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LAKE PROVIDENCE PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Wylly Gilfoil
 Port Director
 (318) 559-2365

Legal authority R.S. 34:1501
Year created 1958
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 18
Authorized per diem None
Employees 1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information

	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$509,252	\$1,133,921
Total expenses/expenditures	\$479,276	\$1,145,490
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$456,135	\$444,566

Recommendation No change recommended.

MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kathy W. Jobe
Secretary-Treasurer
(318) 574-2181

Legal authority R.S. 34:2401
Year created 1966
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$210,927	\$226,053
Total expenses/expenditures	\$190,337	\$124,002
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$61,964	\$175,851

Recommendation No change recommended.

**MERMENTAU RIVER HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. John F. Craton
Attorney
(318) 785-1000

Legal authority R.S. 34:3221
Year created 1976
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$55,710	\$57,060
Total expenses/expenditures	\$45,049	\$49,213
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided

Recommendation No change recommended.

**MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Jerry L. Hoffpauir
Executive Director
(504) 384-0850

Legal authority	R.S. 34:321	
Year created	1952	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,137,143	\$5,666,689
Total expenses/expenditures	\$4,116,501	\$6,192,663
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,214,695	\$688,721
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

NATCHITOCHE PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. David B. Carson
 President
 (318) 352-7652

Legal authority R.S. 34:3151
Year created 1975
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 2 classified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$391,016	\$418,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,110,289	\$931,051
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$6,639	\$7,000
Members' salary	\$56,900	\$57,000
Ending Balance	\$80,109	\$67,058

Recommendation No change recommended.

**POINTE COUPEE PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. George Delaune
Certified Public Accountant
(225) 492-3367

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2451
Year created	1967
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R. S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998, 1999, and 2000 audits are currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**PORT OF IBERIA DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Roy A. Pontiff
Executive Director
(318) 364-1065

Legal authority R.S. 34:241
Year created 1938
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 18; current year estimated - 15
Authorized per diem None
Employees 3 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,134,253	\$1,252,827
Total expenses/expenditures	\$572,229	\$679,800
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$11,488	\$24,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$29,142,594	\$29,715,821

Recommendation No change recommended.

**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Michael G. Sigur
Team Leader/Financial Services
(504) 528-3346

Legal authority R.S. 34:1
Year created 1896
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees 333 classified; 22 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$45,120,597	\$64,369,380
Total expenses/expenditures	\$51,267,289	\$88,988,879
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$32,441	\$40,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$366,672,335	\$367,843,545

Recommendation No change recommended.

RAPIDES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Angie Richmond
Rapides Parish Police Jury
(318) 473-6660

Legal authority	R.S. 34:3201
Year created	1975
Status	Inactive
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the sixth year, a representative of the Rapides Parish Police Jury informed us that there have been no appointments to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

RED RIVER PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Dayton Carlisle
Secretary
(318) 932-4465

Legal authority	R.S. 34:3166
Year created	1975
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The Red River Waterway Commission is paying the port commission's engineering, surveying, appraisal and legal fees. As of November 5, 1998, these fees totaled approximately \$19,267.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SOUTH LOUISIANA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Cindy L. Martin
Finance Director
(504) 652-9278

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2471
Year created	1975
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 21
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	60 classified; 5 unclassified; 2 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	April 30, 1998	April 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$11,178,726	\$13,928,518
Total expenses/expenditures	\$8,861,423	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$25,403	\$52,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$19,173,688	\$20,590,806

Recommendation	No change recommended.
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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Fred M. Bullinger
Interim Executive Director
(504) 386-9309

Legal authority R.S. 34:1951
Year created 1962
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 15
Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting
Employees 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$485,348	\$506,445
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$142,998	\$308,000
Per diem	\$7,500	\$10,000
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$244,778	\$225,787

Recommendation No change recommended.

**ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mrs. Linda Dufour
Supervisor of Accounting
(504) 277-8418

Legal authority R.S. 34:1701
Year created 1961
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 34; current year estimated - 24
Authorized per diem None
Employees 24 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,621,951	\$18,193,018
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,298,348	\$17,869,415
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$21,470	\$22,000
Members' salary	\$46,000	\$46,000
Ending Balance	\$2,107,497	\$2,431,100

Recommendation No change recommended.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Mary Spell
St. Tammany Parish Police Jury
(504) 898-2522

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2001
Year created	1963
Status	Never fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the sixth year, a representative of the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury informed us that the commissioners have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

TENSAS PARISH PORT COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Jane M. Netterville
Secretary-Treasurer
(318) 766-3232

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2281
Year created	1964
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	Commission members were appointed in August 1995. The commission continues to meet and discuss the possibilities of constructing a port, even though the commission has no sources of revenue. The commission applied for but was denied funding through the port priority program. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kayla Dupre
Accountant
(504) 873-6446

Legal authority R.S. 34:2201
Year created 1964
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 8
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$95	None
Total expenses/expenditures	\$554	\$1,058
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$2,226	\$1,168

Comments Administrative duties of the commission are performed by employees of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.

Recommendation No change recommended.

TWIN PARISH PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Wendell R. Verret
Attorney
(318) 988-3875

Legal authority R.S. 34:1601
Year created 1959
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual December 31, 1997	Budget December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$23,568	\$522,528
Total expenses/expenditures	\$8,302	\$505,824
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$25,394	\$42,095

Recommendation No change recommended.

VIDALIA PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ken Davis
 Mayor's Office, City of Vidalia
 (318) 336-5206

Legal authority R.S. 34:1861 and 34:3141
Year created 1981
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem None
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998	Budget June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	\$600
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None

Comments The commission is created in two separate sections of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A representative of the City of Vidalia informed us that the commission was inactive prior to September 1997, at which time members were appointed to the commission.

Recommendation No change recommended at this time.

**VINTON HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Charles Coppels
President
(318) 589-7453

Legal authority	R.S. 34:334.1
Year created	1956
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$35 per meeting
Employees	1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

WASHINGTON PARISH PORT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
(225) 342-0919

Legal authority	R.S. 34:3351
Year created	1985
Status	Never fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fourth year, a representative of the Governor's Office informed us that commission members have never been appointed. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

WEST CAMERON PORT COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Edwin A. Kelley
Secretary-Treasurer
(318) 775-5493

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2441
Year created	1968
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, commission activities are managed and accounted for by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The jury's 1997 audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 and 1999 audits are currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**WEST ST. MARY PARISH PORT AND HARBOR DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Audrey L. Boudreaux
Office Manager
(318) 828-3410

Legal authority	R.S. 34:334.31		
Year created	1976		
Status	Active		
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9		
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided		
Authorized per diem	None		
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified		
Participation in state benefit plans	None		
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget	
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998	
Total revenues	\$451,256	\$419,654	
Total expenses/expenditures	\$600,923	\$332,315	
which include:			
Per diem	None	None	
Members' travel expenses	None	None	
Members' salary	None	None	
Ending Balance	\$805,764	\$893,103	
Recommendation	No change recommended.		

Levee Districts



A board of commissioners administers the operations of each of the following levee districts. These boards have the authority to locate, relocate, construct, maintain, extend, and improve all levees, embankments, seawalls, jetties, breakwaters, water-basins, and other works to ensure the adequate protection of the lands of the districts from damage by flood.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Debora Avants
Administrative Specialist
(225) 387-2249

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(A)
Year created 1890
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business
Employees 65 classified; 1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$3,500,931	\$3,359,600
Total expenses/expenditures	\$3,295,070	\$3,498,085
which include:		
Per diem	\$31,725	\$37,800
Members' travel expenses	\$13,749	\$15,000
Members' salary	\$10,806	\$12,000
Ending Balance	\$6,672,508	\$5,499,690

Recommendation No change recommended.

BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Mary Jane Easterly
Administrative Manager
(318) 965-0668

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(B)
Year created	1892
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting
Employees	13 classified; 10 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,047,982	\$979,850
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$785,973	\$1,207,718
Per diem	\$7,500	\$13,600
Members' travel expenses	\$8,387	\$14,000
Members' salary	\$10,236	\$10,236
Ending Balance	\$2,817,065	\$2,589,197

Recommendation No change recommended.

CADDO LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Gaylyn Bell
Assistant Secretary
(318) 221-2654

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(C)
Year created 1892
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem \$75 per meeting day
Employees 17 classified; 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,809,959	\$1,385,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,072,939	\$13,743,500
which include:		
Per diem	\$7,350	\$18,900
Members' travel expenses	\$6,425	\$20,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$13,210,753	\$906,036

Recommendation No change recommended.

EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Royce Payne
Accountant
(504) 733-0087

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(D)	
Year created	1979	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	68 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$4,656,183	\$4,397,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$4,997,488	\$5,235,690
which include:		
Per diem	\$9,750	\$10,800
Members' travel expenses	\$3,580	\$10,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending Balance	\$8,711,659	\$7,872,969
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Nancy G. Whitten
Administrative Assistant
(318) 574-2206

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(E)
Year created 1853
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 9
Authorized per diem \$68 per day spent on board business
Employees 13 classified; 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$917,126	\$756,450
Total expenses/expenditures	\$739,047	\$626,657
which include:		
Per diem	\$5,468	\$6,559
Members' travel expenses	\$9,431	\$8,043
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending Balance	\$426,804	\$556,484

Recommendation No change recommended.

LAFOURCHE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Kenneth Peltier
President
(504) 265-7545

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(F)	
Year created	1892	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	30 classified; 11 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,530,665	\$2,244,316
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,228,461	\$2,737,748
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$4,058,304	\$3,564,872
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Daniel S. Caluda
Manager
(504) 682-5941

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(G)	
Year created	1892	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - not provided	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	31 classified; 3 unclassified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$4,806,655	\$3,143,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$4,296,107	\$3,436,000
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$5,467,468	\$5,174,468
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**NATCHITOCHE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Cliff Conine
Assistant Secretary and Attorney
(318) 357-1853

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(H)	
Year created	1938	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	4 classified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$321,518	\$267,980
Total expenses/expenditures	\$409,910	\$267,980
which include:		
Per diem	\$7,350	\$7,350
Members' travel expenses	\$541	\$466
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$411,220	\$366,935
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

NORTH BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James D. Southerland
Secretary
(318) 965-2316

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(J)
Year created 1906
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 2
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem \$50 per meeting
Employees None
Participation in state benefit plans None

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$6,544	\$5,500
Total expenses/expenditures	\$8,842	\$1,900
which include:		
Per diem	\$400	\$400
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$30,769	\$34,369

Comments The district consists of about one mile of levee. The president of the district has expressed a desire to merge with the Bossier Levee District; however the Bossier Levee District is not interested in merging the two districts.

Recommendation The legislature should consider merging North Bossier Levee District and Bossier Levee District.

ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Mary E. Herbert, CPA, CGFM
Comptroller
(504) 243-4068

Legal authority R.S. 38:291(K)
Year created 1890
Status Active
Members Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings Prior year actual - 14; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem \$75 per day spent on board business
Employees 336 classified; 2 unclassified; 2 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$46,378,059	\$37,578,436
Total expenses/expenditures	\$56,300,948	\$47,744,534
which include:		
Per diem	\$8,025	\$21,600
Members' travel expenses	\$2,861	\$500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$29,173,331	\$19,007,233

Recommendation No change recommended.

PONTCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Aubrey J. LaPlace
President
(225) 869-9721

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(L)
Year created	1895
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 61; current year estimated - 60
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day
Employees	38 classified; 2 unclassified; 11 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.

Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$4,357,654	\$4,381,800
Total expenses/expenditures	\$5,289,883	\$4,557,155
which include:		
Per diem	\$17,925	\$21,600
Members' travel expenses	\$2,829	\$6,000
Members' salary	None	\$8,400
Ending Balance	\$9,301,656	\$9,126,301

Recommendation No change recommended.

**RED RIVER LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Ms. Carrol Smith
Secretary
(318) 932-6615

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(N)
Year created	1936
Status	Active
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day
Employees	2 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1997, biennial audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1999 biennial audit is currently engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA AND BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Rita Maloney
Accounting Specialist II
(318) 443-9646

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(M)	
Year created	1890	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 36; current year estimated - 36	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	8 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$9,300	\$9,300
Members' travel expenses	\$1,915	\$2,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Windell A. Curole
General Manager
(504) 632-7554

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(P)	
Year created	1968	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 26; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	11 classified; 2 unclassified; 15 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$894,882	\$5,039,800
Total expenses/expenditures	\$916,474	\$5,289,800
which include:		
Per diem	\$8,925	\$15,300
Members' travel expenses	\$3,001	\$3,570
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,222,849	\$972,849
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. John Stringer
Executive Director
(318) 728-4446

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(Q)	
Year created	1881	
Status	Active	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	34 classified; 2 unclassified; 6 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,996,312	\$2,808,558
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,712,924	\$4,324,000
which include:		
Per diem	\$9,525	\$16,000
Members' travel expenses	\$26,168	\$23,000
Members' salary	\$12,000	\$12,000
Ending Balance	\$7,068,324	\$5,552,882
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**TERREBONNE LEVEE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. James E. Erny
Executive Director
North Terrebonne Parish Drainage
and Conservation District
(504) 857-9666

Legal authority	R.S. 38:291(U)
Year created	1997
Status	Not fully organized
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - None
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District was created to combine South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District and North Terrebonne Parish Drainage and Conservation District. Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District will receive ad valorem tax revenue and distribute it to the other two districts until January 2000, at which time the other two districts will cease to exist.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

Other Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities



Other boards, commissions, and like entities include such entities created by law or executive order to carry out specific governmental functions, but which are not authorized to perform a licensing function, are not created under the statutes that establish port and harbor commissions or levee districts, and are neither budget units of the state nor included within a budget unit of the state. These entities, some of which are political subdivisions or advisory in nature, perform a variety of governmental functions.

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TEACHER EDUCATION
AND CERTIFICATION**

Contact: Ms. Diane R. Garbo
Director
(225) 342-3490

Legal authority	R.S. 17:31
Year created	1986
Oversight agency	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for advising the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in areas relating to standards for teacher certification and certification programs.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF WATER WELL DRILLERS

Contact: Mr. Z. B. "Bo" Bolourchi
Chief of Water Resources Section
Department of Transportation and Development
(225) 379-1434

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3098.6
Year created	1982
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee serves in an advisory capacity and makes recommendations to the Department of Transportation and Development on the licensing, qualifications, and standards of conduct for those engaged in the business of drilling, or those abandoning, water wells and holes in the state.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTED LIVING

Contact: Ms. Sandra Victor
Department of Health and Hospitals
(225) 342-2893

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2675
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The advisory committee provides input to the Department of Health and Hospitals in the development and implementation of the <i>Medicaid Assisted Living Pilot Project</i> .
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 18
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOSPICE CARE

Contact: Ms. Susan Drongowski
Department of Health and Hospitals
(504) 838-8944

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2191
Year created	1988
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee has the responsibility to advise and make recommendations to the Department of Health and Hospitals concerning matters of hospice services in the state.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIDWIFERY

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director
Board of Medical Examiners
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3242
Year created	1988
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners on all matters dealing with licensing of midwifery practitioners and on regulations relating to midwifery practitioners.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	R.S. 37:3242(E) states that the committee may meet as needed, but shall meet at least twice a year. The committee did not meet in 1997 and 1998. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PAIN

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director
Board of Medical Examiners
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1285.2
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for examining current and proposed practice guidelines on pain management, identifying problems in current treatment and practice guidelines, and making any recommendations to the state Board of Medical Examiners concerning practice guidelines on pain management.
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Contact: Ms. Marlene Ritter
Section Supervisor
(225) 342-3356

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3762
Year created	1988
Oversight agency	Department of Education
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The council was established as an advisor to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in matters concerning the Administrative Leadership Academy, which is responsible for assessing the needs; developing programs and budgets; and developing, publicizing, and implementing workshops, courses, and activities designed to meet the needs of all levels of public school administrators whose positions require teacher certification.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	<i>For the second year, a representative of the Department of Education reported that the council is inactive. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was created.</i>
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN INFANTS

Contact: Ms. Linda Rose
Director
(504) 568-5028

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2265
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council advises the Office of Public Health on various aspects of the development and implementation of the Early Identification of Hearing Impairments in Infants Law. This includes making recommendations on risk factors for hearing loss, program standards and quality assurance, program integration with community resources, materials for distribution, and program implementation and follow-up.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Contact: Ms. Vera W. Blakes
Assistant Secretary
(225) 342-3950

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-59	
Year created	1996	
Oversight agency	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council's duties include making recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Social Services regarding the expenditure and disbursement of child care and development block grant funds, and for improving, modernizing, and updating the quality of child care at the day care centers which operate within the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 14	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 7	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,857	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ADVISORY PANEL FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES

Contact: Ms. Virginia Beridon
Assistant Superintendent
Special Educational Services
(225) 342-3633

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1954	
Year created	1998	
Oversight agency	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The panel shall advise the Department of Education of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities; in developing evaluations and reporting on data; in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports; and in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.	
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures	None	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$3,280	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Contact: Mr. Frank Millican
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1292

Legal authority	R.S. 3:264
Year created	1983
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The authority is responsible for providing capital at lower interest rates for loans made by lending institutions to farmers and commercial agricultural businesses through a bond program.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$2,024,875
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,995,075
which include:	
Per diem	\$240
Members' travel expenses	\$362
Members' salary	None
Ending Balance	\$1,256,125
Comments	Budget information was not provided.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Glen D. Smith
Chairman
(504) 737-1600

Legal authority	R.S. 2:654
Year created	1992
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The authority was created to acquire, construct, lease, operate, maintain, or manage airports and airport facilities, except for these which existed prior to 1992, either within or outside the territorial boundaries of the authority.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the authority informed us that the authority has applied for federal funding.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ALARM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Boyd Petty
State Fire Marshal's Office
(225) 925-4911

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1662.13
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board advises the state fire marshal with respect to <i>administration and enforcement of laws relating to alarm services</i> . The board also votes on requests for equivalency to training.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**ALGIERS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Tamer Acikalin
Chairman
(504) 392-2828

Legal authority	R.S. 33:2740.27
Year created	1992
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for preparing a plan which specifies public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district. The board is also charged with conducting public hearings to inform the citizens of the district of its plan.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Thomas Eubanks
Director
Division of Archaeology
(225) 342-8170

Legal authority	R.S. 41:1602
Year created	1974
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission advises the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism on matters relative to archaeology, antiquities, and other culture resources in an effort to protect and preserve properties relating to the history, culture, and government of the state.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ARCHITECTS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown
Fiscal Officer
(225) 342-0820

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2311	
Year created	1975	
Oversight agency	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for selecting professional architects for professional service contracts to perform the design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost greater than \$200,000.	
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$612	\$662
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ARTIFICIAL REEF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Rick Kasprzak
Artificial Reef Coordinator
(225) 765-2375

Legal authority	R.S. 56:639.6
Year created	1986
Oversight agency	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Plan. The council is charged with providing guidance to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on policy and procedural matters concerning the program and making recommendations to the department regarding the allocation of funds to various program components.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	According to information submitted to us, the council did not meet in 1997 or 1998 and has no plans to meet in 1999. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

ARTS COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. James Borders
Director
Division of the Arts
(225) 342-8180

Legal authority	R.S. 25:891
Year created	1976
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for receiving applications for matching federal funds available from the National Endowment for the Arts and such other funds made available and making recommendations thereon; reviewing and approving or rejecting grant applications; advising departmental officers on the design and execution of an annual state plan; and administering the Louisiana native crafts program.
Members	Number authorized - 24; currently serving - 24
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ASCENSION-ST. JAMES AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Janet Gonzales
Secretary
(225) 644-1959

Legal authority	R.S. 2:341	
Year created	1982	
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority is responsible for managing the airport upon its completion. The Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for land acquisition and construction of facilities. Upon completion of the construction, the facilities will be turned over to the authority, which will be responsible for their operation.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$93,288	\$90,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$54,966	\$90,000
which include:		
Per diem	\$6,125	\$7,500
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$6,410,151	\$6,410,151
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Cathy R. Wells
Executive Director
(225) 928-8886

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1401	
Year created	1950	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for buying and selling securities for investment of surplus monies of the fund to allow disability payments and retirement allowances for assessors and assessor's employees and to otherwise administer the fund.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	September 30, 1998	September 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$10,124,394	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$349,570	Not provided
Per diem	\$3,075	\$4,125
Members' travel expenses	\$2,927	\$4,988
Members' salary	None	Not provided
Ending Balance	\$62,864,720	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. John L. Levine, Jr.
Chairman
(504) 831-6615

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1121
Year created	1968
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission governs the rates of the Associated Branch Pilots for the Port of New Orleans and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes in matters of pilotage rates and other commission business.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 4
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The commission has not held a meeting in at least five years and has no plans to meet during the current year. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

**ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS OF THE PORT OF
LAKE CHARLES FEE COMMISSION**

Contact: Mr. Malcolm Gillis
Commissioner
(318) 436-0372

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1121
Year created	1968
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission governs the rates of the Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of Lake Charles and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take depositions, to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates, and other commission business.
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - as necessary
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Sandra Thompson
Executive Director
Atchafalaya Basin Program
(225) 342-0560

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2000.8
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Department of Natural Resources
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee shall advise the Atchafalaya Basin Program within the Department of Natural Resources and the Atchafalaya Basin Promotion and Research Board on the implementation of the state master plan of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System.
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 100
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 48; current year estimated - 20
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Ms. Sandra Thompson
Executive Director
Atchafalaya Basin Program
(225) 342-0560

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2000.5
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Department of Natural Resources
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is charged with the oversight of the Atchafalaya Basin Program duties and functions relating to the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System and the state's master plan.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ATCHAFALAYA TRACE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
Fiscal Officer
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 25:1222
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	<i>In general, the main goals of the Atchafalaya Trace Commission are to appropriately plan and promote the Trace Area as a heritage tourist destination; coordinate tourism promotion and other development efforts within the Trace Area; inventory, preserve, conserve and interpret the cultural, historic, natural, and scenic resources of the Trace Area and the Basin; encourage appropriate economic development and revitalization within the Trace Area; create an overall management plan for the Trace Area; designate a Trace Driving Corridor by linking together a number of Scenic Byways; and seek National Heritage Area designation for the Trace Area.</i>
Members	Number authorized - 38; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The commission was initially funded in July 1998. It should be formed and have its first meeting by the spring of 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN GOVERNING COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	R.S. 22:1417 (B)
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Department of Insurance
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for overseeing casualty insurance rates for individuals who are unable to procure such insurance through ordinary methods.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BAYOU D'ARBONNE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Robert G. Dawkins
President
(318) 251-3171

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2551	
Year created	1956	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with the conservation of soil and water and developing the natural resources and wealth of the district for sanitary, agricultural, and recreational purposes, as the same may be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare, or of public utility or benefit.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 11	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$268,913	\$29,200
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$254,573	\$69,476
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$179,305	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BAYOU LAFOURCHE FRESH WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Kirk Cheramie
Administrator
(504) 447-7155

Legal authority	Act 186 of 1970	
Year created	1950	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with furnishing fresh water from the Mississippi River to the incorporated villages, towns, and cities along Bayou Lafourche and within or adjacent to the boundaries of the district for purposes of drinking, irrigation, and industrial uses.	
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	9 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$912,791	\$822,732
Total expenses/expenditures	\$628,533	\$680,400
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,350	\$3,000
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,531,849	\$1,674,181
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Robert H. Felknor
Administrative Assistant
(225) 343-3491

Legal authority	R.S. 3:555.4
Year created	1978
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for receiving and disbursing funds to help develop, maintain, and expand markets for cattle and beef products produced, processed, or manufactured in the state and permitting the cattle production and feeding industry of the state to contribute to the development and sustenance of coordinated programs of product improvement.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	Unknown
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the council had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1998, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BELGIUM-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. David Cheramie
 Director
 Council for the Development of
 French in Louisiana
 (318) 262-5810

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-72
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate authorities of the French community of Belgium to arrange for and organize educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of CODOFIL reported that the committee did not meet in 1998 and has no intentions of meeting in 1999. All of the committee functions are performed by CODOFIL. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the committee.

BI-STATE CORRIDOR COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. M. D. LeComte
Coordinating and Development Corporation
(318) 632-2022

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1702
Year created	1991
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission initiates and coordinates research, studies, and gathering of information on the construction, expansion, improvement, or extension of a route running through Sabine Parish, through Arkansas, and to the Oklahoma state line.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 7
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Contact: Ms. Carol H. Guidry
Assistant Commissioner of
Management and Finance
(225) 925-7885

Legal authority	R.S. 18:23
Year created	1950
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board reviews election laws and procedures used in conducting elections in the state; reports its findings, observations, and recommendations annually to the legislature; and serves as a clearinghouse for proposed election-related legislation.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE
STEAMSHIP PILOTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

Contact: Mr. Martin W. Gould
President
(504) 832-8956

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1042
Year created	1942
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is required to report immediately to the governor all cases of neglect of duty, habitual drunkenness, and gross violations of its rules. Upon referral by the governor, the board is required to investigate the cases and report its findings to the governor recommending, if justified, a penalty.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - as necessary
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF BAR PILOTS FOR THE
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

Contact: Mr. Paul S. Vogt
Chairman
(504) 833-5594

Legal authority	R.S. 34:942
Year created	1865
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for setting rules and regulations to govern bar pilots and administer examinations as necessary to maintain the number of pilots required by the board.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF MORGAN CITY, BERWICK PORT PILOT
COMMISSIONERS AND EXAMINERS**

Contact: Mr. Thomas Goyne
Chairman
(504) 384-0850

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1101
Year created	1962
Status	Active
Purpose/function	<i>The board is responsible for regulating pilots and masters and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters on the lower Atchafalaya River and through the channel into the Gulf of Mexico by way of Oyster Bayou Light and Eugene Island Light.</i>
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP
PILOT REVIEW FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

Contact: Mr. Martin W. Gould
President
Board of Examiners for the New Orleans
and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots
(504) 832-8956

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1049
Year created	1983
Status	Not provided
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations relative to hearing complaints of misconduct of any bar pilot and conducting hearings of any such complaints.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS
FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

Contact: Mr. Paul S. Vogt
Chairman
Board of Examiners of Bar Pilots
for the Port of New Orleans
(504) 833-5594

Legal authority	R.S. 34:962
Year created	1988
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing rules and regulations relative to hearing complaints of misconduct of any bar pilot and conducting hearings of any such complaints.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT COMMISSIONERS AND EXAMINERS
FOR THE PORT OF LAKE CHARLES**

Contact: Mr. Malcolm Gillis
Commissioner
(318) 436-0372

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1072
Year created	1928
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The board establishes rules and regulations that are necessary for the purpose of regulating pilots, pilot associations, masters, and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters within the board's jurisdiction. The board makes recommendations to the governor for the commission of new pilots and for discipline for any pilot wrong doing.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the board did not submit information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). There is no indication that the board is fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

**BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

Contact: Mr. Donald Short
President
(504) 392-8001

Legal authority	R.S. 34:991
Year created	1950
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for formulating rules and regulations establishing qualifications of river port pilots, providing for the examination and approval of apprentices, and policing river port pilots in the performance of their duties.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**BOARD OF RIVER PORT PILOT REVIEW FOR THE
PORT OF NEW ORLEANS**

Contact: Mr. Donald Short
Member
(504) 392-5116

Legal authority	R.S. 34:991.1
Year created	1986
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board reviews reports of the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners, reviews complaints filed against pilots, and files an annual report with the Department of Transportation and Development regarding investigations of pilot incidents.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**CANE RIVER WATERWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Charles Powell
Treasurer
(318) 357-3826

Legal authority	R.S. 34:3261	
Year created	1982	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing, operating, and maintaining, either individually or in cooperation with the federal government, the State of Louisiana and its various agencies, subdivisions, and public bodies, a navigable waterway system to be known as the Cane River Waterway in Natchitoches Parish.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$200 for treasurer; \$100 for chairman; and \$50 for other members per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$262,995	\$256,695
Total expenses/expenditures	\$251,465	\$131,200
<i>which include:</i>		
Per diem	None	\$6,900
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$407,503	\$532,998
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CASH MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD

Contact: Mr. James F. Blankinship
Department of Treasury
(225) 342-0049

Legal authority	R.S. 39:371
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board reviews and approves the cash management policies and procedures adopted by state agencies and reports its recommendations for changes in cash management laws and procedures to the legislature.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3.
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 7
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CATFISH PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ron Harrell
Corresponding Secretary
(225) 922-6211

Legal authority	R.S. 3:558.3
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board promotes the growth and development of the catfish industry in the state by research and advertisement.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	\$40 per day spent on board business
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$66,814
Total expenses/expenditures	\$101,078
which include:	
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$338
Members' salary	None
Ending Balance	\$97,256
Comments	Budget information was not provided.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL

Contact: Mr. Jimmy Guidry
State Health Officer
(225) 342-8092

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2019
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The panel is charged with establishing a standardized child death investigation protocol which shall require that all death investigations be completed within thirty working days of the report of the death, establishing criteria for information that must be included in a death investigation report, and collecting, reviewing and analyzing all death investigation reports.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CHILDREN'S CABINET ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Executive Director
Children's Cabinet
(225) 342-1677

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2605
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board advises the Children's Cabinet on ways to facilitate and require coordination of policy, planning, and budgeting affecting programs and services for children and their families.
Members	Number authorized - varies; currently serving - 29
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 14
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	In accordance with R.S. 46:2606, the board shall terminate on July 1, 2000.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. David Hood
Secretary
Department of Health and Hospitals
(225) 342-9500

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-37
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force has the primary duty to advise the Secretary of Department of Health and Hospitals regarding the various options available for a Children's Health Insurance Program.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CLERKS OF COURT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Charlotte Bennett
Executive Director
Clerks of Court Association
(225) 293-1162

Legal authority	R.S. 13:782(J)
Year created	1990
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for governing the certification program, which was established to formalize and recognize the professional standards of clerks of court in the state.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CLERKS OF COURT RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Charlotte Bennett
Executive Director
Clerks of Court Association
(225) 293-1162

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1541	
Year created	1950	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board was created to administer and manage the fund for the purpose of providing regular disability and survivor benefits for clerks of court, their deputies and other employees, and their beneficiaries.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$28,496,857	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures	\$10,468,608	Not provided
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,150	\$3,500
Members' travel expenses	\$6,710	\$5,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$143,131,403	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CLINICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director
Board of Medical Examiners
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1314	
Year created	1993	
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The committee is required to make recommendations to the Board of Medical Examiners on the licensure of clinical laboratory personnel and rules and regulations for the appropriate training and competency of the profession.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 3	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	5 classified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$277,805	\$277,637
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$186,052	\$312,534
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,261	\$3,078
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$365,769	\$330,872
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

Contact: Ms. Carole B. Wallin
Deputy Superintendent for Education
(225) 342-3625

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1903
Year created	1943
Oversight agency	Department of Education
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for exchanging information between and making recommendations on matters of common interest to the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and the state Board of Education.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Education reported that the council has never been organized. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Contact: Mr. Harvey Landry
Federal Energy Analyst
Department of Natural Resources
(225) 342-3842

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1730.28
Year created	1997
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for providing advice and consultation to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Facility Planning and Control section of the Division of Administration, and the Energy section of the Department of Natural Resources in the consideration of revisions or amendments to the energy code.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 21
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

COMMISSION FOR THE PROMOTION OF UNIFORM LEGISLATION

Contact: Mr. Henry Gabriel
Professor
(504) 861-5667

Legal authority	R.S. 24:81
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Department of Justice
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission examines the uniformity of legislation in the various states and territories of the union. It confers with commissioners appointed by other states and territories for the same purpose, considers and drafts uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several states, and generally devises and recommends such other or further course of action as shall accomplish uniformity of legislation.
Members	Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 1
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 8
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**COMMISSION FOR THE REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT
OF SERVICES PROCUREMENT**

Contact: Mr. Mark Drennen
Commissioner of Administration
(225) 342-7000

Legal authority	R.S. 39:1493.3
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission oversees and directs the review of all agencies in the executive branch of state government relative to the procurement of professional, personal, consulting, and social service contracts and the procedures and practices utilized therein.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	In accordance with R.S. 39:1493.2, the commission shall terminate on June 30, 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

COMMISSION ON HIV AND AIDS

Contact: Dr. Tom Farley
 Department of Health and Hospitals
 (504) 568-5005

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2018.1
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission was charged to research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures relative to HIV infection and AIDS and to make recommendations to the governor, the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the legislature.
Members	Number authorized - 30; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals reported that the commission members have never been named. State law provides that the commission shall terminate on September 1, 1999. Currently, the commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

**COMMUNITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND
ADULT EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

Contact: Mr. Stephen Perry
Chief of Staff
Governor's Office
(225) 342-7015

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-43
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The task force shall analyze economic and demographic trends in the state and evaluate the impact the trends have upon the competitiveness of Louisiana businesses and industries and the ability of the state's skilled labor force to meet the foreseeable and projected needs of those businesses and industries.
Members	Number authorized - 28; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	<i>Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - none</i>
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Governor's Office reported that the task force has fulfilled the function for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Contact: Ms. Jannitta H. Antoine
Member
(225) 357-6857

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-32
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for examining the current responses of public and private organizations to situations of domestic violence; identifying barriers or areas for improvement among those who are charged with the public duty of responding to domestic violence; and making recommendations for improved cooperation and coordination between public agencies and those entities which volunteer or offer assistance and services.
Members	Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON TELEMEDICINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

Contact: Senator Louis J. Lambert
Chairman
(225) 342-0667

Legal authority	R.S. 45:835
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The council promotes and ensures communication between public agencies in the area of telecommunications applications, planning, advancements, and technology as they apply to telemedicine and distance education.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 18
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	<i>The council did not meet in 1998 and has no plans to meet in 1999. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.</i>
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Robert W. Scheffy, Jr.
Attorney
(225) 231-2032

Legal authority	R.S. 39:1780	
Year created	1985	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The corporation is a nonprofit entity responsible for financing and acquiring correctional facilities for lease to the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$8,846,587	\$7,884,149
Total expenses/expenditures	\$6,500,781	\$5,016,121
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$882	\$900
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	(\$9,006,246)	(\$6,138,218)
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

COUNCIL ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATES AND ENFORCEMENT

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Insurance
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	R.S. 22:15
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Insurance
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for undertaking a comprehensive study and providing oversight and enforcement recommendations on a continuing basis of the effectiveness of law enforcement and implementation of programs aimed at enforcement in the various parishes of those laws and programs which affect automobile insurance rates.
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 9
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CRAWFISH PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ron Harrell
Corresponding Secretary
(225) 922-6211

Legal authority	R.S. 3:556.3
Year created	1983
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board provides a voluntary method of raising revenues to be used to develop markets for Louisiana crawfish.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	\$40 per day spent on board business
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Total revenues	\$31,969
Total expenses/expenditures	\$21,759
which include:	
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$689
Members' salary	None
Ending Balance	\$33,048
Comments	Budget information was not provided.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**CREOLE NATURE TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Shelley Johnson
Southwest Louisiana Convention
and Visitors Bureau
(318) 436-9588

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1815
Year created	1995
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for developing and implementing a plan for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive known as the Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway District.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CRESCENT CITY CONNECTION OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
(225) 342-0919

Legal authority	R.S. 47:820.5.2
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The authority was created to prioritize projects that will be undertaken and paid from excess funds after all operation and maintenance expenses of the bridges and ferries under the authority of the Crescent City Connection Division, Department of Transportation and Development have been paid.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Governor's Office informed us that, as of October 19, 1998, no appointments had been made to the authority.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

CRESCENT RIVER PORT PILOTS ASSOCIATION FEE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Mark Delesdernier, Jr.
Member
(504) 392-5016

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1121
Year created	1968
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The commission governs the rates of the Crescent River Port Pilots Association and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates and other commission business.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the commission had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DAIRY INDUSTRY PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1227

Legal authority	R.S. 3:557.4	
Year created	1983	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board promotes the sale and consumption of Louisiana milk and dairy products.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$766,401	\$750,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$668,387	\$744,910
Per diem	\$880	\$1,280
Members' travel expenses	\$1,257	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$325,095	\$330,185
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Emery J. Bares
Chairman
(225) 332-2500

Legal authority	R.S. 42:1302
Year created	1982
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for the administration of the state employees' deferred compensation plan through a contractual arrangement with an outside party.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A commission activity account, which is financed by an annual fee charged to plan participants and earnings on investments, is maintained to pay expenses of the commission and the plan administrator fees.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DENTAL REFERRAL STUDY COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Theresa Ray
Senior Analyst House Insurance Committee
(225) 342-0484

Legal authority	R.S. 22:2034
Year created	1995
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission is charged with studying dental referral plans.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A staff member of the House of Representatives reported that no appointments have been made to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
 Director
 Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
 (225) 342-0919

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-15
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing distance learning sites within the state. Distance learning is a means to achieve efficient and cost-effective training of soldiers by educational training through electronically mediated instruction including audio conferencing, virtual office, video, audio graphic, computer, multimedia technology, and other forms of learning capabilities when the soldier is geographically separated from the instructor.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	As of December 1, 1998, no appointments had been made to the board.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. E. Pete Adams
Director
(225) 267-4824

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1651	
Year created	1956	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for administering the system; approving investments, retirements, and refunds; and handling all other business of the system for district attorneys and assistant district attorneys in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$24,216,295	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures	\$99,599	Not provided
which include:		
Per diem	\$1,875	\$2,000
Members' travel expenses	\$9,293	\$10,550
Members' salary	None	Not provided
Ending Balance	\$127,677,356	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

DRUG TESTING TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Angele Davis
Deputy Commissioner of Administration
(225) 342-9919

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-33
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is charged to determine the scope and content of the four drug testing programs that are authorized and mandated by legislation; identify and analyze existing state programs which may be capable of providing support services for a central drug testing program; delineate any limitations which the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Louisiana or any federal or state laws may have on the four drug testing programs; and recommend procedures for the implementation of the four drug testing programs in a consistent, uniform, and cost effective manner.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Legal authority	R.S. 27:210
Year created	1996
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The corporation was created to select and license a casino operator for the New Orleans land-based casino; to license gaming employees as well as anyone who provides services or products directly related to gaming; to calculate and collect the state's portion of gross revenues from the casino operator; and to regulate and monitor casino operations.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	Although Act 7 of the First Extraordinary Session of the 1996 Legislature transferred the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the corporation to the Gaming Control Board, the corporation was not abolished in law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the corporation.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TRUST FUND DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Anthony Stoltz
Comptroller
Orleans Parish School Board
(504) 365-5485

Legal authority	R.S. 47:2341
Year created	1993
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The district, which is governed by a board of trustees, seeks revenue sources to assist in providing funding to the Orleans Parish School Board for capital improvement and maintenance.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Orleans Parish School Board reported that the district has no assets. The school board considers the district a conduit for the collection of certain revenues for the payment of debt service requirements on general obligation bonds issued by the school board.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE HISTORIC SITE GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Michael Chittom
Confidential Assistant
(225) 925-4792

Legal authority	R.S. 25:380.11
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The governing board is charged with establishing policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site, including setting and charging admission, tour, user, or rental fees to site buildings and exhibits.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.

EGG COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James Pruitt
Director
(225) 925-3772

Legal authority	R.S. 3:551.2	
Year created	1968	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission provides for inspection, grading, and certification of eggs; collection of assessments; and promotion of Louisiana eggs.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$15 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$58,021	\$58,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$63,209	\$63,000
<i>which include:</i>		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$143	\$300
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$62,972	\$57,972
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

EL CAMINO EAST-WEST CORRIDOR COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Bob Holeman
President
(318) 628-2712

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1751
Year created	1992
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The management and control of the El Camino East-West Corridor Commission is vested in the board of commissioners. The commission is authorized to initiate or coordinate research, studies, and gathering of information on the east-west corridor project.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER PROGRAM TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Madlyn Bagneris
Secretary
Department of Social Services
(225) 342-0286

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-36
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for identifying, researching, and reporting on the problems associated with electronic benefit transfer program that distributes benefits and services that are provided by public entitlement programs.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Contact: Major Mark S. Oxley
Chairman
(225) 925-6424

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2364; EO MJF 96-48; EO MJF 96-67; EO MJF 97-14
Year created	1986
Oversight agency	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for establishing emergency planning districts, appointing local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) and supervising and coordinating their activities; providing the Federal Environmental Protection Agency director with information concerning releases of hazardous substances; designating, as necessary, additional facilities to be covered; recommending a standardized inventory form to be used in gathering required information; recommending, as necessary, additional substances which should be defined as hazardous materials; acting as the centralized advisory body for coordinating state and federal activities concerning community "Right to Know" legislation; establishing procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information; and reviewing LEPC emergency response plans and making recommendations to the LEPC on revisions on the plan.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ENGINEERS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown
Fiscal Officer
(225) 342-0820

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2311	
Year created	1975	
Oversight agency	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for selecting engineers to perform the design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost greater than \$200,000.	
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$157	\$166
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL

Contact: Governor's Office
(225) 342-7015

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2005
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The council was created to serve in the development of an overall environmental and natural resources policy and strategic plan for the state. The council is an advisory body to the governor regarding environmental and natural resources matters which include identifying issues necessary to preserve and protect the environment of the state and recommending viable solutions to the problems.
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the council had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Claudia Fowler
Chairperson
(225) 767-4453

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2503
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is charged to develop, review, approve, and transmit a plan for environmental education to the governor, the legislature, and the public; to provide advice on policies and practices needed to provide environmental education; to serve as a forum for the discussion and study of environmental education problems; and to assist and obtain information to coordinate environmental education programs.
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 25
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMISSION
OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Richard Hart
Director
(504) 898-2535

Legal authority	R.S. 33:4064.1	
Year created	1986	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for the protection of public health and the environment through the control, monitoring, and inspection of all sewerage and water systems and supervision of environmental services located within the unincorporated portion of St. Tammany Parish.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 11	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	3 classified; 1 unclassified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$450,616	\$464,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$354,924	\$668,700
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,350	\$4,500
Members' travel expenses	\$676	\$750
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ERNEST N. MORIAL NEW ORLEANS EXHIBITION HALL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. David M. Ohlmeyer
Controller
(504) 582-3082

Legal authority	Act 305 of 1978; Act 572 of 1984; Act 43 of 1992; Act 1013 of 1993; Act 1174 of 1997	
Year created	1978	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority was created to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, improve, operate and maintain convention, exhibition, and tourist facilities within Orleans Parish.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 13	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	310 unclassified; 300 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$107,823,077	\$90,165,906
Total expenses/expenditures	\$126,117,907	\$75,734,446
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$71,512,851	\$73,865,000
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FILM AND VIDEO COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Peter C. Loop, II
Assistant Secretary
(225) 342-8150

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2131
Year created	1986
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission advises the Office of Film and Video on all matters relative to the development and expansion of film, motion picture, video, multimedia, and still photography industries in the state and on the development of the state marketing and promotion plan for film-making.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 16
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD OF REVIEW

Contact: Ms. Edna Gleason
State Fire Marshal's Office
(225) 925-4911

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1578.1
Year created	1974
Oversight agency	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for hearing appeals and rendering decisions as to whether suggested alternatives to fire codes, rules, and regulations are acceptable as equivalencies to satisfy the requirements of fire safety.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - as necessary
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Fire Marshal's Office informed us that the board only meets when there are appeals to be resolved.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Michael Hemphill
Chairman
(225) 925-4060

Legal authority	R.S. 11:2260	
Year created	1980	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the general administration and proper operation of the retirement system.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	4 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$81,422,660	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$19,231,473	Not provided
Per diem	\$5,925	\$7,000
Members' travel expenses	\$41,000	\$50,000
Members' salary	None	Not provided
Ending Balance	\$599,017,896	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FIRST STOP SHOP COORDINATING COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Doug Woolfolk
Deputy Secretary
Secretary of State
(225) 922-2675

Legal authority	R.S. 49:229.1
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The council periodically reviews the operations of the First Stop Shop and provides advice and recommendations to the secretary of state and to the legislature.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	3 classified; 1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The council did not meet in 1997 or 1998 and has no plans to meet in 1999. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. JoAnne C. Sanders
Engagement Manager
Legislative Auditor's Office
(225) 339-3802

Legal authority	R.S. 39:1351
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	State Bond Commission
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for reviewing the financial stability of political subdivisions of the state and, where appropriate, initiating action requesting the Louisiana Attorney General to file a rule to appoint a fiscal administrator for any political subdivision that is reasonably certain to fail to make a debt service payment.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FLUORIDATION ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Tom Fagan
Office of Public Health
Department of Health and Hospitals
(225) 765-5054

Legal authority	R.S. 40:5.11	
Year created	1997	
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Not fully organized	
Purpose/function	The board assists any public water system with at least five thousand service connections to obtain funding for fluoridation of its system by seeking all sources of funding, and it also assists in educating the public on matters regarding dental health and the prevention of tooth decay.	
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 14	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	\$2,200
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Comments	The board is in the organization stage and plans on meeting within the next year.	
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.	

FOLKLIFE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Maida Owens
 Director of Louisiana Folklife Program
 (225) 342-8180

Legal authority	R.S. 25:822
Year created	1981
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for advising the Office of Cultural Development on the formulation of an annual state plan; outlining objectives and budgeting needs in the identification, preservation, and presentation of Louisiana folk cultural resources; acting in an advisory capacity to the Division of Arts and to the Louisiana State Arts Council with respect to the allocation of grant funds; advising the division and council on policies or guidelines as they relate to or affect the folk arts and artists in the state; formulating long-range goals for folklife activity; and advising the Office of Cultural Development as to the creation of a Division of Folklife.
Members	Number authorized - 24; currently serving - 24
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FRANCE-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. David Cheramie
Director
Council for the Development of
French in Louisiana
(318) 262-5810

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-72
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate authorities of France to arrange for and organize educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of CODOFIL reported that the committee did not meet in 1998 and has no intentions of meeting in 1999. All of the committee functions are performed by CODOFIL. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the committee.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Joe Holmes
Chairman
(225) 765-0884

Legal authority	R.S. 49:1053
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for directing the activities of the Louisiana Geographic Information Center; establishing policies and procedures for the sharing of GIS data among state agencies; and advising state agencies on the acquisition and implementation of GIS.
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 9
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOUISIANA STATE COTTON MUSEUM

Contact: Mr. Michael Chittom
Confidential Assistant
(225) 925-4792

Legal authority	R.S. 25:380.1
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board adopts bylaws and establishes policies and procedures for the museum's governance in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; advises the secretary of state on all matters relating to the operations of the Louisiana State Cotton Museum; and sets and charges admission, tour, and user or rental fees.
Members	Number authorized - 22; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

Contact: Ms. Patricia Johnson
Chairperson
(504) 736-6086

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-55
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for advising the governor on all issues concerning citizens who have disabilities, providing assistance to the Office of Disability Affairs, and coordinating state compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 25
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SAFE DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Contact: Ms. Ann Reynolds
Executive Director
(225) 342-3422

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-6
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for assisting in setting priorities on the state's Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities Act Program, contributing to the design of requests for proposals, reviewing and making recommendations on proposals, reviewing monitoring reports on grantees, and recommending disposition of contracts in the case of non-complying agencies.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S ARSON STRIKE FORCE

Contact: Mr. Rick Combs
Chief Deputy of the Arson Division
State Fire Marshal's Office
(225) 925-4911

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-46
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The strike force assists local fire departments in determining the cause and/or perpetrator(s) of a suspicious fire and compiles information about arsonists, arson prevention, and arson investigation techniques for the education and benefit of fire departments.
Members	Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Contact: Mr. Garey Forster
Secretary
Department of Labor
(225) 342-3011

Legal authority	R.S. 23:2001
Year created	1960
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The committee was established to work in cooperation with the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped and other interested federal and state agencies, organizations, and employers in promotion job opportunities for the physically handicapped and arousing community interest in the employment problems of the physically handicapped.
Members	Number authorized - 24; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The Secretary of the Department of Labor is in the process of selecting committee members.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

GOVERNOR'S DWI/VEHICULAR HOMICIDE TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Ronald B. Jones
Lieutenant Colonel
(225) 925-4913

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-9
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The taskforce is charged to address the unusually high incidence of drunk and drugged driving in the state, the difficulty in proving identification of multiple DWI offenders, refusals to submit to breath tests, problems with obtaining evidence from drivers who cause fatal or serious injury crashes, and the arrest and prosecution of drug-impaired drivers.
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 17
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Cyril LeJeune
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 922-1255

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-75
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Departments of Economic Development and Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for identifying opportunities for, and barriers to, growth and development of the value-added forest products industry in the state, as well as developing ideas and plans that foster the growth of such industry.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry reported that the task force had met and prepared and submitted a report to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry and to the Department of Economic Development. The task force has fulfilled the function for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Alice Foster
Chairperson
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 25:1011
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission was created to ensure a continuum in the appearance, contents, furnishings, and surrounding areas of the governor's mansion consistent with the historical significance and importance of the governor's mansion.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL-TO-WORK COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Tori Odom-Nezat
 Governor's Office of Lifelong Learning
 (225) 342-2462

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-28	
Year created	1996	
Oversight agency	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council shall oversee the implementation of the state's comprehensive School-to-Work plan.	
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 23	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$8,040	\$10,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Contact: Mr. James P. Antoon
Environmental Consultant
Department of Health and Hospitals
(225) 763-5556

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-9
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for conducting in-depth studies and preparing a preliminary and comprehensive report which identifies potential health and environmental problems associated with individual wastewater treatment systems, which are those systems with a capacity of less than 1,500 gallons per day.
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TUBERCULOSIS

Contact: Mr. Charles DeGraw
(504) 568-5015

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-60
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for identifying and examining all issues necessary to combat the disease of tuberculosis, recommending viable solutions to the problems raised by those issues, and evaluating existing and proposed measures that are designed to combat all forms of tuberculosis.
Members	Number authorized - 30; currently serving - 30
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Hunter O. Wagner
General Manager
(504) 835-3116

Legal authority	Act 762 of 1986; R.S. 48:1251	
Year created	1954	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for constructing, operating, and maintaining the expressway. In addition, the commission polices the Huey P. Long Bridge and the one-mile heavy marine traffic zone.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 15; current year estimated - 17	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	92 unclassified; 8 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	October 31, 1998	October 31, 1999
Total revenues	\$20,141,261	\$31,969,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$20,141,261	\$30,969,000
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$82	\$5,000
Members' salary	\$34,180	\$34,180
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

HARBOR POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Glenda Williams
Administrator
(504) 598-0100

Legal authority	R.S. 11:3681
Year created	1971
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the general administration and proper operation of a retirement system for commissioned members of the Port of New Orleans' Harbor Police Department.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Insurance
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	R.S. 22:9
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Department of Insurance
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission was created to undertake a comprehensive study of the availability and affordability of health care in the state. Specifically, the commission is to examine the rising costs of health care in the state and the implementation of issues relating to national health care reform initiatives. The commission submits its recommendations to the commissioner of insurance.
Members	Number authorized - 43; currently serving - 43
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 9
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	R.S. 22:9(C)(2) provides that the commission shall terminate on June 30, 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Senator Ron Landry
Chairman
(504) 652-2379

Legal authority	R.S. 48:108.1	
Year created	1988	
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for developing a short and long range research program into the development of a centralized and coordinated planning and permitting process for the location of high-speed rail lines and their construction, operation, financing, management, and maintenance in order to enhance the transportation system of this state.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	Legislative members receive the standard per diem authorized by law.	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures	None	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	\$404
Members' travel expenses	None	\$105
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

HIGHER EDUCATION EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Carol Coltharp
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 342-4253

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3129.2
Year created	1984
Oversight agency	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for considering matters relating to education and making recommendations to the Board of Regents as the committee deems necessary.
Members	Number authorized - 36; currently serving - 36
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

HISTORICAL JAZZ SOCIETY

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
 (225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 25:321
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The society's purpose was to detail the origin of jazz and the impact that jazz has had on society. The society was charged with establishing a national contest to be held annually in Louisiana to draw the attention of the public and jazz artists to the birthplace of jazz, offering a jazz award to provide a commemorative for jazz as it has evolved in the state. The society was also charged with establishing a jazz hall of fame.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fifth year, a representative of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism informed us that society members have never been appointed. The society is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the society.

HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Dr. Donald Lemieux
Director of State Archives
(225) 922-1200

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-31
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for sponsoring and publishing surveys of the conditions and need of historical records in the state and soliciting and developing proposals for historical records projects to be undertaken in the state with grants for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY) ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Pamela D. Wall
State Coordinator
(225) 342-9442

Legal authority	R.S. 17:407.3
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board assists in developing standards for funding qualified HIPPY programs and public awareness for such programs and to provide consultation and judicial guidance to the HIPPY coordinator and the Department of Education.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	<i>No change recommended.</i>

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Susan J. Poche'
Accountant Administrator
(225) 342-1320

Legal authority	R.S. 40:600.4	
Year created	1980	
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The agency provides funds for acquisition of owner-occupied homes at below market interest rates to Louisiana families of low and moderate income; for acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of multi-family housing projects that meet public purpose criteria; and for refinancing of existing housing issues to achieve operating capital to enable the developer or owner to have viable multi-family projects.	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$5,350	\$8,000
Members' travel expenses	\$25,164	\$37,000
Members' salary	Not provided	Not provided
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**IMPORTS AND EXPORTS TRUST AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Contact: Mr. David Crais
Chairman
(504) 466-2030

Legal authority	R.S. 9:2341(E)
Year created	1979
Oversight agency	Louisiana Public Facilities Authority
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The authority is charged with promoting and facilitating the trade of goods and services to benefit the citizens of the state, developing financing mechanisms and trade promotion projects to increase international trade services, and producing tangible results that nurture small and medium sized export and import businesses.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). There is no indication that the board is fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Joey Strickland
 Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
 (225) 342-2151

Legal authority	Act 888 of 1990; Act 817 of 1993
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission was to serve as the formal negotiating agency of the state upon which federally recognized tribes in the state may serve notice of any request to negotiate Indian gaming compacts as provided by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	Although Act 7 of the First Extraordinary Session of the 1996 Legislature transferred the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the commission to the Gaming Control Board, the commission was not abolished in law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

**INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Contact: Mr. Ken Duncan
State Treasurer
(225) 342-0010

Legal authority	R.S. 48:82
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing and administering an infrastructure bank to make loans and provide other assistance to public and private entities carrying out or proposing to carry out eligible infrastructure projects.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

INSURANCE EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Insurance
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	R.S. 22:1192
Year created	1988
Oversight agency	Department of Insurance
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council reviews and evaluates each educational program applying for certification as a registered insurance prelicensing or continuing education program and makes recommendations to the commissioner of insurance with respect to applicants for certification and educational requirements.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

INTER-AGENCY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Carol Cranshaw
Public Transportation Administrator
(225) 379-1436

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-18
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is charged with making recommendations designed to maximize the utilization of transportation resources and to increase the cost efficiency of providing transportation services through the coordination and consolidation of planning, funding, administration, and provision of public and specialized transportation services.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

INTERAGENCY ACTION COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Contact: Mr. Keyth Devillier
Chairman
(225) 342-2277

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-2
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Social Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council coordinates state services and assistance on behalf of homeless persons; conducts an annual assessment and evaluation of service needs and resources for the homeless; researches and assists in the development of funding resources for homeless services; and submits annual reports to the governor and the legislature recommending improvements to the service delivery system for the homeless.
Members	Number authorized - 33; currently serving - 28
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-12
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Economic Development
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission advises the secretary of the Department of Economic Development on policies, programs, and activities that stimulate growth in international trade and investment, coordinates international trade and investment programs and activities, and ensures that Louisiana products are competitive in international markets.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Economic Development reported that the commission was replaced by the International Trade Development Board; however, the law establishing the development board did not abolish the commission.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the commission.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:1361
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for assisting, promoting, encouraging, developing, and advancing economic prosperity and employment throughout the state by fostering international trade and investment.
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 20
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

INTERSTATE 49 SOUTH PROJECT TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Carl Bauer
Chairman
(318) 482-5811

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-38
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The primary duty of the task force was to submit to the governor a comprehensive report which addressed the feasibility of upgrading all or part of U.S. 90 between the Westbank Expressway in New Orleans and I-10 in Lafayette into an Interstate 49 South. The secondary duty of the task force shall be to prepare a report for the members of the State of Louisiana's United States Congressional Delegation documenting why this section of road should be upgraded to an interstate.
Members	Number authorized - 22; currently serving - 22
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - as needed
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The task force issued its report on September 15, 1998. The task force will remain active until the project is completed.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**JOHN K. KELLY GRAND BAYOU RESERVOIR DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Donald G. Horton
Attorney
(318) 932-6615

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2701
Year created	1975
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is charged with developing the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, and sanitary purposes.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1998, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a December 31, 1997, audit is on file with the legislative auditor and the 1998 audit is engaged.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

JOINT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Contact: Ms. Barbara L. Morvant
Executive Director
Board of Nursing
(504) 568-5464

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1031
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for recommending rules and regulations to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners regarding prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Mark C. Drennen
Commissioner of Administration
(225) 342-7000

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-33
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for evaluating the manner in which the offices and entities of the justice system are funded and analyzing the need for and means to provide adequate supplemental fundings for any component of the justice system that is receiving inadequate funding.
Members	Number authorized - 31; currently serving - 20
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

KENNER NAVAL MUSEUM COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
Fiscal Officer
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 25:1005.1
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission was created to acquire, lease, transport, berth, renovate, equip, operate, maintain, and exhibit the aircraft carrier USS Cabot-Dedalo and any other property acquired for use as a permanent naval museum and to adopt rules and regulations for the use of such museum and its properties.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fourth year, a representative of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism informed us that the commission is inactive. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	<i>The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.</i>

**LAKE BRUIN RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Steve Doyle
President
(318) 766-4182

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3087.34
Year created	1995
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The district is charged to preserve, promote, and develop the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of the soil and water of Lake Bruin for agricultural, recreational, commercial, and sanitary purposes and by the regulation of aquatic plant growth.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 11
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Ms. Margie Allen
Tangipahoa Parish Council Clerk
(504) 748-3211

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3201
Year created	1975
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The board was established to adopt rules and regulations governing the discharge of drainage, sewerage, and trade waters into Lake Pontchartrain, and into channels which empty into Lake Pontchartrain, within the parishes of St. Charles, Jefferson, Tangipahoa, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Orleans.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Tangipahoa Parish Council informed us that board members have never been appointed. The board is not fulfilling the functions established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SELECTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Roy Brown
Fiscal Officer
(225) 342-0820

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2311
Year created	1975
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for selecting professional landscape architects for professional service contracts to perform the design work on all capital outlay projects with a construction cost greater than \$200,000.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Actual June 30, 1998
Total revenues	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$45
Members' salary	None
Ending Balance	None
Comments	The board does not prepare an annual budget.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LATIN AMERICAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-54
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission was created to identify and develop business and trade opportunities in Latin America for Louisiana business, as well as to determine the means and techniques to attract Latin American trade to Louisiana and Louisiana trade to Latin America.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 18
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LICENSING BOARD FOR LOCKSMITHS

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
 Director
 Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
 (225) 342-0919

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1393
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The board licenses natural persons engaged in or seeking to engage in the work of locksmithing. The board also establishes standards of conduct and performance relative to competent and safe locksmithing.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Governor's Office informed us that the board members have never been appointed. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Billy Golson
Chairman
(225) 925-4898

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1851
Year created	1989
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board advises the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission on the expenditure of funds collected from the market development assessment.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LITTER REDUCTION AND PUBLIC ACTION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2523
Year created	1980
Oversight agency	Department of Environmental Quality
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for serving as a coordinating agency between various government and private organizations seeking to aid in litter control and recycling efforts, assisting local governments in the adoption of ordinances aimed at litter control, and promoting public awareness and education in the areas of litter control and recycling.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. L. Gordon King
Executive Director
(225) 344-5001

Legal authority	R.S. 33:4548.1	
Year created	1991	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority was created to provide economic development, infrastructure, and environmental facilities; to assist political subdivisions in constructing, extending, rehabilitating, repairing, and renewing infrastructure and environmental facilities; and to assist in the financing of such needs by political subdivisions of this state.	
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 38	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	None	\$35,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	\$30,000
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	\$5,000
Comments	The Louisiana Municipal Association manages the authority. The authority did not receive or spend any funds before 1998.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LOTTERY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. James F. Goodrum
 Vice President of Finance and Controller
 (225) 297-2012

Legal authority	R.S. 47:9004	
Year created	1990	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board approves, disapproves, amends, and modifies the corporation's budget, the terms of major lottery procurements recommended by the president of the corporation and serves as a board of appeal for denial, revocation, or cancellation by the president of a contract with a lottery retailer.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$17,782	\$20,000
Members' salary	\$142,870	\$145,000
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LOUISIANA PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Winnie J. Pace
Ex Officio Secretary
(225) 342-7825

Legal authority	R.S. 23:103
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of Labor
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is required to inquire into the needs of the employment service industry; to advise the assistant secretary on how the council may best serve employment applicants; and to <i>make recommendations to the assistant secretary about employment in the state, applicants for licenses, and complaints against employment services.</i>
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LOUISIANA STATE LIBRARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Pam Dier
Administrative Specialist 5
(225) 342-4926

Legal authority	R.S. 25:2	
Year created	1920	
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with planning and working toward a coordinated system of parish and regional libraries throughout the state that will provide free library service of the highest quality.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures	None	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,132	\$1,029
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Contact: Mr. Bob Martin
Deputy Assistant Secretary
(504) 568-6967

Legal authority	R.S. 25:341
Year created	1906
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board advises the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism with respect to policies for the State Museum; exercises powers and duties with respect to accessions, deaccessions, loans, and conservation of museum artifacts; serves as trustee for the William Irby Trust; and hires the museum director.
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**LOUISIANA TOURISM PROMOTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
Fiscal Officer
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 51:1282	
Year created	1990	
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The district assists the state in the promotion of tourism and is authorized to levy and collect a sales and use tax not to exceed \$16,000,000 annually.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$18,116,552	\$16,065,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$18,316,148	\$16,356,552
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,053,607	\$762,055
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM FOR RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION (LUMCON) ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Contact: Dr. Michael Dagg
Executive Director
(504) 851-2800

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3453(F)
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Board of Regents
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council meets as necessary to respond to requests of the LUMCON executive board for advice and information as well as to provide the board with the benefit of perspectives represented on the council.
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of LUMCON informed us that the council was inactive in prior years, but that it was reactivated in November 1997. However, the council did not meet in 1997.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Contact: Mr. Harry Blanchet
Program Manager
(225) 765-2889

Legal authority	R.S. 56:580.1
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The board was created to expand public awareness of marine recreational fishing opportunities and assist the industry in improving the quality of its services and products, mainly through marketing channels.
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	In the prior year, we were advised that the board had not held a meeting in at least four years and had no plans to meet during the current year. The board did not respond to our request for information this year and we have no other indication that the board is fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

MARITIME ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-42
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for recommending legislation that is designed to enhance and protect the economic viability of Louisiana's maritime industry; recommending economic development programs that foster and promote growth in the maritime industry; and suggesting means to enhance the competitiveness of Louisiana's maritime industry in national and international markets.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MARITIME PROVINCES-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. David Cheramie
 Director
 Council for the Development of
 French in Louisiana
 (318) 262-5810

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-72
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The committee meets, at regular intervals, with appropriate authorities of the Maritime Provinces to arrange for and organize educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of CODOFIL reported that the committee did not meet in 1998 and has no intentions of meeting in 1999. All of the committee functions are performed by CODOFIL. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the committee.

MEDICAID DRUG PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Contact: Dr. Philip J. Medon
Chairman
(318) 342-3800

Legal authority	R.S. 46:153.3
Year created	1989
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The committee was created to advise the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals in the prudent administration of the Medicaid drug program. The committee is charged to review expenditures and overall utilization of the drug program, make recommendations regarding additional category coverage, review drug utilization activities and results, make recommendations for establishing prescribing protocols, make recommendations to promote the effectiveness of drug utilization reviews, and assist the department with budgetary funding and the legislative appropriation process.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	We have not received any indication that the committee has met in at least five years and there is no indication that the committee plans to meet in the current year. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Perry G. Rigby
Director of Health Care Systems
LSU Medical Center
(504) 568-8977

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1519.8
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission recommends to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals the distribution of funding for residency positions, residency supervision, and other medical education resources for the hospitals in the health care services division of the Louisiana State University Medical Center among medical education programs providing services in such hospitals.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CORRIDOR TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-1
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is charged with the identification of the types of adverse human health and environmental issues which may arise as a result of new permit applications to build, construct, or expand a commercial or industrial project; examination of the issue of sustainability of environmental and economic resources, including quality of life and self-sufficiency; and the development of a system of identification and prioritization of environmental and economic costs and benefits.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 10
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ROAD COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathleen Blanco
Lieutenant Governor
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-65
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The commission serves as an advisory body to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; the Department of Transportation and Development; the Department of Economic Development; and to all other state agencies involved in developing the Mississippi River Road Corridor between Baton Rouge and New Orleans into a viable resource for the state.
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	Unknown
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the commission has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). There is no indication that the commission is fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

MOTOR CARRIER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Major Mark S. Oxley
Chairman
(225) 925-6424

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1486.1
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee provides advice, consultation, and recommendations to those agencies authorized to regulate, license, and tax the motor carrier industry. The committee is also the <i>coordinating authority of the Louisiana Truck Center, which is the headquarters and central location for motor carriers in obtaining all permits and for payment of any fees or charges required to engage in the motor carrier trade in the state.</i>
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. William Toadvien
Director
(225) 925-4810

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1821
Year created	1991
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for formulating and promulgating rules and regulations to facilitate the proper functioning of the retirement system and the administration of any of its funds.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting
Employees	Unknown
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	In prior years, a representative of the board stated that he did not believe that R.S. 24:513.2(F) applied to the system, and, accordingly, the board would not submit the requested information. The board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor for at least eight years. However, a June 30, 1998, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MUNICIPAL POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Virginia S. Eckert
Director
(225) 929-7411

Legal authority	R.S. 11:2211	
Year created	1973	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for overall management of the retirement system, which includes reviewing and making recommendations relative to investments, member appeals, office procedures, personnel, and other matters.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	7 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$8,325	\$10,125
Members' travel expenses	\$50,348	\$52,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Patricia Duncan
Architectural Historian
(225) 342-8160

Legal authority	R.S. 25:901
Year created	1979
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in matters relating to the conservation, preservation, and restoration of the historic resources of the state. The committee votes, at quarterly public hearings, on whether historic properties in the state will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

NAVAL WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Maury Drummond
Executive Director
(225) 342-1942

Legal authority	R.S. 25:1001	
Year created	1979	
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission acquires, transports, berths, renovates, equips, operates, maintains, and exhibits the Destroyer USS Kidd for use as a permanent public Naval and Marine Corps memorial.	
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	8 unclassified; 15 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$476,026	\$545,410
Total expenses/expenditures	\$469,514	\$521,974
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$63,674	\$87,110
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Larry Rivarde
Chief Fiscal Officer
(504) 483-9374

Legal authority	Act 130 of 1896; Act 104 of 1934; Act 492 of 1958; Act 405 of 1962; Act 865 of 1982	
Year created	1896	
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The association manages and controls the New Orleans City Park, providing recreational facilities for activities such as golf, tennis, baseball, boating, fishing, et cetera.	
Members	Number authorized - 37; currently serving - 37	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	250 classified; 14 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	September 30, 1998	September 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$9,324,406	\$10,392,925
Total expenses/expenditures	\$9,892,575	\$10,392,925
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,094,101	\$1,094,101
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**NEW ORLEANS-BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS
ASSOCIATION FEE COMMISSION**

Contact: Captain C. E. Clayton
Member
(504) 832-1199

Legal authority	R.S. 34:1121
Year created	1968
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission governs the rates of the New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association and is authorized to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take depositions to resolve disputes regarding pilotage rates and other commission business.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - as necessary
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The commission has not held a meeting in at least five years and has no plans to meet during the current year. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was created by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

NORTH TERREBONNE PARISH DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James A. Erny
Executive Director
(504) 857-9666

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3341	
Year created	1988	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is charged with establishing adequate drainage, flood control, and water resources development within Terrebonne Parish and outside the limits of the South Terrebonne Parish Tidewater Management and Conservation District. To accomplish its objectives, the board may construct reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, erosion control measures, marsh management, protection of water supplies from salt water intrusion, and other drainage and conservation works.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 18	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	1 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$392,275	\$781,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$236,761	\$603,700
Per diem	\$5,175	\$12,600
Members' travel expenses	\$353	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$312,238	\$522,300
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Gayle Joseph
Assistant Secretary
Office of Employment Security
(225) 342-3111

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-70
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Labor
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for the planning, development, and management of a statewide occupational information system consistent with the objectives and functions of the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, including the design and oversight standards of the JTPA.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of January 20, 1999, the committee had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

OLD STATE CAPITOL ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Mary Prudhomme
Director
(225) 342-0500

Legal authority	R.S. 25:372
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board advises the Secretary of State on all matters relating to the operations of the Old State Capitol. The board, in cooperation with any nonprofit corporation(s) established to support the Old State Capitol, may seek private funding to support programs for the Old State Capitol.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

OYSTER LEASE DAMAGE EVALUATION BOARD

Contact: Ms. Carolyn Edwards
Department of Natural Resources
(225) 342-0560

Legal authority	R.S. 56:700.10
Year created	1995
Oversight agency	Department of Natural Resources
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for developing rules and regulations to compensate fishermen for damages caused by oil and gas industry activities to their leased oyster beds.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 10
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

PAN AFRICAN COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:982
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Economic Development
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The commission provides public relations and disseminates information to government, business, and cultural leaders, with a goal of coordinating economic development and resource utilization, including industrial solicitation, by fostering entrepreneurial activity between Louisiana and the continent of Africa.
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	According to information submitted to us, the council has not met for the past five years and has no plans to meet in the current year. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Chandler H. Foxx
Secretary
(225) 342-8111

Legal authority	R.S. 56:1681
Year created	1934
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission promotes the goals and objectives of the Office of State Parks, acts in an advisory capacity to the office, and screens qualified projects for federal grants administered by the office.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	\$25 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Thomas B. Sims
Administrative Director
(225) 928-1361

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1981	
Year created	1953	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board formulates and promulgates any and all necessary rules and regulations to facilitate the proper functioning of the retirement system. The system provides retirement benefits for employees of 61 civil parishes of Louisiana.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 7	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	6 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$2,175	\$2,250
Members' travel expenses	\$18,980	\$28,100
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Mrs. Delmar Rorison
Executive Director
Board of Medical Examiners
(504) 524-6763

Legal authority	R.S. 37:1270.1
Year created	1993
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee advises the state Board of Medical Examiners on all matters specifically dealing with licensing or disciplining physician assistants and on drafting and promulgating regulations relating to physician assistants. The committee also reviews and makes recommendations to the board on applications for licensure as physician assistants.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 4
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**POINTE COUPEE-WEST FELICIANA BRIDGE, FERRY,
AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Jessie C. Means
Chairman
(504) 635-6428

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1091; Act 319 of 1977
Year created	1977
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The authority is charged with studying the feasibility of establishing, constructing, acquiring, maintaining, administering, and operating toll bridge, tunnel, or ferry facilities across and under the Mississippi River between the parishes of Pointe Coupee and West Feliciana. If the authority determines such construction and operation to be feasible, it is charged with constructing and operating a toll bridge, tunnel, or ferry facility.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the authority informed us that the authority has not met within the past twelve years. The authority is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the authority.

POSTSECONDARY REVIEW COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Louann Bierlein
Governor's Education Policy Advisor
(225) 342-1608

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-71
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The commission conducts and coordinates the review of institutions of higher education pursuant to federal law and ensures that each institution remains in compliance with the standards required by that law.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	In the prior years, we were advised that the commission had not held a meeting in at least four years and had no plans to meet during the current year. The commission did not respond to our request for information this year, and we have no other indication that the commission is fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the commission.

**POVERTY POINT RESERVOIR DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Michael L. Thompson
Executive Director
(318) 878-8572

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3087.1	
Year created	1992	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The district is responsible for developing the wealth and natural resources of the district by the conservation of soil and water for agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, and sanitary purposes.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,355,202	\$188,152
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$2,353,140	\$188,152
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$196,191	\$196,191
Comments	Actual amounts include the district's capital outlay account; however, the budgeted amounts do not.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. David Hood
Secretary
Department of Health and Hospitals
(225) 342-9509

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2194.3
Year created	1989
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The council was created to study and recommend program priorities and recommend and review contracts for the Community-Based Health Care Program.
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

PROJECT RESTORE TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-56
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The task force researches and analyzes the potential of using nonhazardous waste materials for coastal restoration projects.
Members	Number authorized - 26; currently serving - 26
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The task force has not held a meeting since its inception in 1996. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS' ACTUARIAL COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Ken Duncan
State Treasurer
(225) 342-0010

Legal authority	R.S. 11:121
Year created	1988
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee coordinates orderly and consistent strategies for continuing development and growth of state and statewide retirement systems and pension plans or funds that will attain and maintain their soundness and advises the Joint Legislative Retirement Committee of all findings and recommendations.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

QUALITY SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS COUNCIL

Contact: Dr. Melinda Oliver
 Center for Scientific and Mathematical
 Literacy
 (225) 388-6001

Legal authority	R.S. 17:374	
Year created	1992	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council annually allocates all monies appropriated to it from the Quality Science and Mathematics Equipping Fund. The council is charged to establish the criteria and eligibility standards for the receipt of materials and supplies and establish an inventory and monitoring process for equipment and supplies that are distributed.	
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - not provided	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$180,000	\$180,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$180,000	\$180,000
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

QUEBEC-LOUISIANA JOINT COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. David Cheramie
Director
Council for the Development of
French in Louisiana
(318) 262-5810

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-72
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The committee is required to meet, at regular intervals, with the appropriate authorities of the Province of Quebec to arrange for and organize educational, cultural, and touristic exchanges.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of CODOFIL reported that the committee did not meet in 1998 and has no intentions of meeting in 1999. All of the committee functions are performed by CODOFIL. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the committee.

RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Morgan W. Collins
Accountant
(318) 352-3652

Legal authority	R.S. 34:2301	
Year created	1965	
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission establishes, operates, and maintains a navigable waterway system extending from the vicinity of the confluence of the Red River with the Old River and the Atchafalaya River north westward in the Red River Valley to the state boundary.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	\$7,890,006	\$8,161,260
Total expenses/expenditures	\$4,388,055	\$15,107,593
which include:		
Per diem	\$16,650	\$27,000
Members' travel expenses	\$27,464	\$44,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$54,242,510	\$47,296,177
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA RIVER, AND BAYOU BEOUF GRAVITY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Ronald Buschel
St. Landry Parish Police Juror
(318) 941-2796

Legal authority	R.S. 38:1921
Year created	1993
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The district is charged with providing an overall efficient and effective plan to address the drainage problems affecting the geographical area located within the Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District but not to include Rapides Parish. The board of commissioners is the governing authority of the district.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES

Contact: Mr. Nicholas B. Silvey
Director of Management and Finance
(504) 568-6611

Legal authority	R.S. 33:131	
Year created	1962	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission develops and maintains plans for the development of the regional planning area based on studies of physical, social, economic, and government trends and coordinates development of the regional planning area to promote the general welfare and prosperity of its people.	
Members	Number authorized - 26; currently serving - 26	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	18 unclassified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information		
	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,569,319	\$2,651,138
Total expenses/expenditures	\$2,604,370	\$2,651,138
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,350	\$11,600
Members' travel expenses	\$31,697	\$25,280
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$22,494	\$22,494
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. William J. DeVille
Deputy General Manager
(504) 248-3724

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1654	
Year created	1979	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority is responsible for planning, designing, maintaining, and administering a transit system within the New Orleans metropolitan area.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 6	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 11	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$5,025	\$8,400
Members' travel expenses	\$8,901	\$16,800
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Lorraine C. Dees
Director
(800) 510-8515

Legal authority	R.S. 11:2032	
Year created	1955	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for managing the system to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters, their deputies, and their permanent employees.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$2,437,656	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$74,791	\$111,303
Per diem	\$3,000	\$4,500
Members' travel expenses	\$8,428	\$8,500
Members' salary	\$28,145	\$33,611
Ending Balance	\$2,547,819	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN TASK FORCE

Contact: Dr. Jimmy Avery
Chairman
(225) 388-2152

Legal authority	R.S. 56:632
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for assessing and analyzing the reptile and amphibian industry in Louisiana and for reporting its conclusions and recommendations regarding proper management and regulation of the industry to the legislature.
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS SUBCOMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Kelli Gautreaux
Accountant
(225) 765-2301

Legal authority	R.S. 37:2165	
Year created	1995	
Oversight agency	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	Subject to the approval of the State Licensing Board for Contractors, the subcommittee is responsible for adopting rules and regulations to govern residential building contractors in the state, for issuing, suspending, modifying, or revoking licenses, and for prescribing and adopting regulations and policies for continuing education.	
Members	Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 3	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 20; current year estimated - 25	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	\$4,425	\$7,500
Members' travel expenses	\$7,028	\$8,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Comments	The subcommittee's financial information is included with the State Licensing Board for Contractors.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**RESOURCE RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2305
Year created	1980
Oversight agency	Department of Environmental Quality
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The authority is charged with conducting a comprehensive solid waste disposal, resource recovery, energy generation using energy sources other than lignite or nuclear as fuel. The authority may own, operate, and maintain solid waste management projects; provide for the collection, transportation, storage, and disposal or diversion of solid waste; make plans, surveys, studies, and investigations in conformity with the state plan; initiate and encourage programs, including research and development leading to maximum recovery and reuse of recycling materials; and plan and develop energy parks and waste parks.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RICE PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Leonard J. Hensgens
Chairman
(318) 783-3283

Legal authority	R.S. 3:551.63	
Year created	1972	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board promotes the growth and development of the rice industry in Louisiana. It serves all rice farmers in Louisiana and businesses serving the rice industry through promotion and research activities.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures	Not provided	Not provided
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$5,602	\$4,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

RICE RESEARCH BOARD

Contact: Mr. R. E. Girouard
Chairman
(318) 788-7531

Legal authority	R.S. 3:551.73
Year created	1972
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board administers rice research check-off funds collected by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, selects projects for funding, and reviews the progress of research.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. A. J. Laiche
Director of Finance
St. James Parish Council
(225) 562-2261

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1602
Year created	1976
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The board governs the mass transit system within the parishes of St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the St. James Parish Police Jury informed us that there have never been any appointments to the authority. The authority is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the authority.

**RIVER REGION CANCER SCREENING AND EARLY DETECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Ms. Carol Abbott
(225) 622-6837

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1300.61(C)
Year created	1995
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing and operating the River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection Center which screens persons for cancer as well as promoting and conducting scientific research and training.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	<i>As of January 20, 1999, the committee had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). However, a June 30, 1998, compilation/attestation report is on file with the legislative auditor.</i>
Recommendation	<i>No change recommended.</i>

ROYAL STREET PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. James J. Coleman, Sr.
Member
(504) 586-1979

Legal authority	EO MJF 97-31
Year created	1997
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The board provides advice to the Division of Administration and the Louisiana Supreme Court regarding the expenditure of all funds and all contracts, bids, proposals, and plans associated with renovating the building that will eventually house the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, the Law Library of Louisiana, the Louisiana Judicial Administrator's Office, a satellite office of the Louisiana Attorney General, and a museum or tourist information center.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	As of February 1, 1999, the board had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F).
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**SALINE LAKE GAME AND FISH PRESERVE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Rayford Roark
President
(318) 628-3153

Legal authority	Act 105 of 1976; R.S. 56:801
Year created	1976
Oversight agency	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for administering the game and fish reserve and for providing rules and regulations for the control thereof.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINIC TASK FORCE

Contact: Ms. Sylvia Sterne
 Director of Adolescent and School Health
 Department of Health and Hospitals
 (504) 568-5050

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-74
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for developing and recommending a uniform parental consent form which takes into consideration the needs of adolescent students to have appropriate medical attention or counseling, evaluating the types of services offered by school health clinics, and recommending any necessary changes to those services.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals reported that the task force has fulfilled the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Charlene Quinn
Accountant Supervisor
(225) 925-6491

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1001	
Year created	1946	
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for managing the system to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for school bus drivers, janitors, custodians, maintenance employees, and other employees of the public school system.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	28 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
<i>Total revenues</i>	<i>Not provided</i>	<i>Not provided</i>
<i>Total expenses/expenditures</i>	<i>Not provided</i>	<i>Not provided</i>
<i>which include:</i>		
Per diem	\$5,775	\$9,000
Members' travel expenses	\$21,706	\$23,513
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SECURE REVIEW COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Mark C. Drennen
Commissioner of Administration
(225) 342-7000

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-13
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The Select Council on Revenues and Expenditures in Louisiana's Future (SECURE) Review Commission is responsible for reviewing SECURE's recommendations pertaining to government expenditures and organization; analyzing the recommended strategies to reduce the cost of government and to improve government services, as well as updating, implementing, and evaluating the progress the state has made regarding the recommendations.
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 18
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SHERIFFS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Yvonne Richardson
Executive Director
(318) 362-3191

Legal authority	R.S. 11:2171
Year created	1946
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board oversees the operations of the fund, to include approving expenditures, making policy decisions, proposing legislation, approving purchases and sales of investments, and approving applications for benefits.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day
Employees	Unknown
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	Not provided
Comments	In prior years, a representative of the board stated that he did not believe that R.S. 24:513.2(F) applied to the system, and, accordingly, the board would not submit the requested information. The board has not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor for at least eight years. However, a June 30, 1998, audit is on file with the legislative auditor.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	R.S. 30:2062
Year created	1992
Oversight agency	Department of Environmental Quality
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The panel is responsible for rendering advisory opinions to the Department of Environmental Quality on the effectiveness of the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPERATORS BOARD OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Contact: Mr. Darryl Serio
Fiscal Officer
Department of Environmental Quality
(225) 765-0700

Legal authority	R.S. 37:3152	
Year created	1983	
Oversight agency	Department of Environmental Quality	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing a certification program for operators of solid waste disposal facilities which accommodate residential and commercial solid waste. Fees paid by applicants for examination, training, and certification are established by the board.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures	None	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$3,276	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SOUTH TERREBONNE TIDEWATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. James A. Erny
Secretary
(504) 594-4104

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3321	
Year created	1986	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board has authority to establish adequate drainage, flood control, and water resources development, to include construction of reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pump drainage systems, erosion control measures, marsh management, and other flood control works as they relate to tidewater flooding, hurricane protection, and salt-water intrusion.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 25; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	6 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,542,692	\$2,447,000
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	\$1,196,301	\$1,904,440
Per diem	\$12,750	\$12,600
Members' travel expenses	\$1,112	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$1,358,301	\$1,900,861
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SOUTHERN LOUISIANA DRINKING WATER STUDY COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Christi Meaux
Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
(225) 342-0919

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2491
Year created	1984
Oversight agency	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for restoring the public's confidence in the quality of the drinking water of the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	<i>Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none</i>
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	As of December 1, 1998, no appointments had been made to the commission. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

SOYBEAN AND GRAIN RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Kyle McCann
 Manager
 (225) 922-6209

Legal authority	R.S. 3:551.32	
Year created	1968	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board promotes the growth and development of the soybean, wheat, corn, and grain sorghum industries in Louisiana through research and advertisement. Assessments are levied on the sale of soybeans, wheat, corn, and grain sorghum within the state and the board remits 50% of assessments collected to the United Soybean Board.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$1,630,623	None
Total expenses/expenditures	\$1,738,840	None
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	\$2,203	\$2,500
Ending Balance	\$1,083,300	None
Comments	A representative of the board reported that because of the severe drought this year, a budget would not be adopted until all crops have been harvested and more assessments have actually been collected.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**ST. MARY PARISH MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Ms. Kimberly Pusateri
St. Mary Parish Council
(318) 828-4100

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1635
Year created	1979
Status	<i>Never fully organized</i>
Purpose/function	The board was created to govern the mass transit system located in St. Mary Parish.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the St. Mary Parish Council informed us that board members have never been appointed. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

STATE EMPLOYEES INCENTIVE AWARD COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Angele D. Davis
Deputy Commissioner of
Administration
(225) 342-7008

Legal authority	R.S. 39:366.1
Year created	1989
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is the oversight authority for agency incentive award programs, to include reviewing suggestions that have a statewide impact.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The committee has not held a meeting in at least six years. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Wade H. Adams
Account Administrator
(225) 922-0185

Legal authority	R.S. 11:401	
Year created	1946	
Oversight agency	Department of Treasury	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for managing the system to provide retirement allowances and other benefits to employees of the State of Louisiana and their beneficiaries.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	74 classified; 7 unclassified; 6 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	Not provided	Not provided
Per diem	\$14,100	\$16,200
Members' travel expenses	Not provided	Not provided
Members' salary	Not provided	Not provided
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STATEWIDE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Eric Kalivoda
Intermodal Transportation Planning Engineer
(225) 358-9179

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-77
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for providing guidance, support, and executive leadership for implementation of the statewide intermodal transportation plan, drafting legislation to implement the plan, as well as coordinating the implementation of the plan.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

STRAWBERRY MARKETING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Bowman
 Accountant 4
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1255

Legal authority	R.S. 3:473	
Year created	1958	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board promotes the general well-being of the strawberry industries in Louisiana by expanding the market for the product and increasing consumption through acquainting the public with health-giving quantities and food value of Louisiana-grown strawberries, wherever they may be sold.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	\$20 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$7,365	\$7,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$9,900	\$9,000
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$16,921	\$14,921
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SWEET POTATO ADVERTISING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1277

Legal authority	R.S. 3:451	
Year created	1942	
Oversight agency	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for expanding the market for and increasing the consumption of sweet potatoes by acquainting the general public with the health-giving qualities and the nutritional food values of sweet potatoes grown in Louisiana.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$15 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$267,289	\$242,200
Total expenses/expenditures	\$232,468	\$267,175
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,895	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$321,129	\$296,154
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TANGIPAHOA RIVER TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Brad Spicer
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-76
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The task force is responsible for coordinating the efforts of all state agencies involved in the cleanup of the Tangipahoa River and monitoring the cleanup to ensure its safety for recreational use.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry reported that the task force has not been involved in this cleanup effort. The task force is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by executive order.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

TASK FORCE FOR THE REDUCTION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATES

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Insurance
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-15
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Department of Insurance
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The task force researched and analyzed the factors which contribute to the escalating automobile insurance rates in the state and developed a comprehensive, detailed and actuarially-sound plan which will cause dramatic reduction of automobile insurance rates in the state.
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Department of Insurance reported that the task force has fulfilled the purpose for which it was created and has disbanded.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

**TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION**

Contact: Mr. George H. Guidry
Moderator
(225) 388-9061

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-29
Year created	1996
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force facilitates discussions and exchanges between environmentalists, conservationists, business interests, and industrialists on prevailing environmental concerns.
Members	Number authorized - varies; currently serving - 25
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

TAX FREE SHOPPING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Ana B. Cherenek
Director
(504) 568-5323

Legal authority	R.S. 51:1304	
Year created	1988	
Oversight agency	Department of Revenue	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission provides refunds of state and local sales tax to international visitors on items purchased in Louisiana at participating stores.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	10 classified; 2 unclassified; 5 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$671,575	\$717,800
Total expenses/expenditures	\$591,232	\$694,370
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$419,240	\$452,113
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TECHE-VERMILION FRESHWATER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Jason D. Dupuis
Executive Director
(318) 233-6902

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3086.3	
Year created	1986	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board governs the affairs of the district, which establishes, maintains, and protects a fresh water supply in Bayou Teche and Vermilion River in the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, Lafayette, and Vermilion.	
Members	Number authorized - 4; currently serving - 4	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	10 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures	Not provided	Not provided
which include:		
Per diem	\$3,225	\$4,000
Members' travel expenses	\$1,683	\$3,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Donna Hanney
Budget Manager
Department of Education
(225) 342-3621

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3921.2	
Year created	1997	
Oversight agency	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The committee assists the Department of Education in reviewing and verifying all applications for the technology grant program. The grant funds are used to purchase various educational technologies for use by teachers and students for the purpose of improving student learning.	
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	None	None
Total expenses/expenditures which include:	None	None
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$4,433	\$5,000
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**TERREBONNE PARISH MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Kevin Ghiardi
Public Transit Administrator
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
(504) 873-6401

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1503
Year created	1975
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The board was created to govern the mass transit system within Terrebonne Parish.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the second year, a representative of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government informed us that the board members have never been appointed and that the parish government operates a mass transit system. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
Fiscal Officer
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
(225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 51:1256
Year created	1964
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission serves in an advisory capacity to the assistant secretary of the Office of Tourism and the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism on matters relating to the development and implementation of programs promoting tourism and the historical, cultural, recreational, and scenic legacy of the state.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE MODEL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. John Basilica
Acting Secretary of the Department
of Transportation and Development
(225) 379-1100

Legal authority	EO MJF 98-06
Year created	1998
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The task force shall review the incomplete projects in the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) program and evaluate the continued need for those projects as they relate to the state's transportation infrastructure improvement needs and the overall economic development goals of the state.
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The task force fulfilled the function for which it was established and disbanded.
Recommendation	The governor should consider abolishing the task force.

TRAUMATIC HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Don Tubb
Program Manager
(225) 925-3502

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2634
Year created	1994
Oversight agency	Department of Social Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing priorities and criteria for the disbursement of monies collected as additional fees imposed on all motor vehicle violations for driving under the influence, reckless operation, and speeding in the state, to be used solely for programs designed to provide services to Louisiana residents disabled by traumatic head and spinal cord injuries.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**TRI-PARISH DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Mr. Ted Denstel
Secretary
(225) 383-4755

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3361
Year created	1990
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The board is charged to govern the affairs of the district, which provides drainage and water conservation in parts of Pointe Coupee and Iberville parishes and all of West Baton Rouge Parish. The board may construct reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, and other flood control works.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	A representative of the board reported that the district is currently inactive. The district is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the district.

TRI-STATE CORRIDOR COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. M. D. LeComte
Coordinating and Development Corporation
(318) 632-2022

Legal authority	R.S. 32:1751
Year created	1990
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is charged with conducting research studies pertaining to the four-laning, construction, expansion, improvement, or extension of Louisiana Highway 1 and providing for the long-term economic/industrial development and tourism development of the corridor area.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 71 FOUR-LANE CORRIDOR COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Ronald Buschel
Member
(318) 585-6637

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1821
Year created	1993
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission was created to gather information on the construction of new roadways and bridges and the improvements or extension of existing roadways along the route of U.S. Highway 71 between the City of Alexandria and the Town of Krotz Springs.
Members	<i>Number authorized - 7; currently serving - none</i>
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For the fifth year, a member of the commission informed us that the commission has never met. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY NO. 65 COMMISSION
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. L. S. Spillers
Volunteer
(318) 757-3033

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1811
Year created	1993
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The commission was created to initiate and coordinate research studies and the gathering of information on the improvement or extension of existing roadways and bridges along the route of U.S. Highway 65 within the boundaries of Louisiana.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 1
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	For at least five years, we have been notified that the commission has never been fully organized, but hopes to organize and become active in the near future. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

UNMARKED BURIAL SITES BOARD

Contact: Dr. Thomas Eubanks
Director
Division of Archaeology
(225) 342-8170

Legal authority	R.S. 8:675
Year created	1991
Oversight agency	Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is authorized to adopt, implement, and enforce rules and regulations to protect the burial sites of earlier residents of the state from desecration and to enable the proper archaeological investigation and study when disturbance of a burial site is necessary or desirable.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The board has not held a meeting in at least five years. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

WELFARE REFORM COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Percy Manuel
 Director of Budget and Business Services
 (225) 342-9391

Legal authority	R.S. 46:458
Year created	1990
Oversight agency	Department of Social Services
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The committee is authorized to provide oversight of the Louisiana Welfare Reform Act to ensure cooperation at all levels of government; to avoid duplication among agencies and programs; to ensure smooth implementation of the program; to encourage involvement by the public, private, and nonprofit sectors in the state; and to provide ongoing planning.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Comments	The committee has not held a meeting in at least five years. The committee is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the committee.

WEST CALCASIEU PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary
(318) 583-8981

Legal authority	R.S. 33:4576	
Year created	1992	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority is charged with building, maintaining, and operating a rodeo arena, sports complex, or community center within Calcasieu Parish.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving – not provided	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	Not provided	Not provided
Total expenses/expenditures	Not provided	Not provided
which include:		
Per diem	Not provided	None
Members' travel expenses	Not provided	\$880
Members' salary	Not provided	Not provided
Ending Balance	Not provided	Not provided
Comments	The authority did not submit any financial information for the year ended June 30, 1998, nor any 1998-99 budget information other than budgeted travel costs.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

WESTERN CORRIDOR COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Doug Ragusa
Chairman
(318) 479-2316

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1682
Year created	1987
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission initiates or coordinates research, studies, and the gathering of information on the Western Corridor Project; contracts or performs work relating to the construction, expansion, improvement, or extension of U.S. Highway 171 within the boundaries of the district; and contracts for or constructs bridges, overpasses, causeways, underpasses, traffic circles, interchanges, and landscaping relating to the highway. Such work shall be performed by or through the authority of the Department of Transportation and Development.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Contact: Mr. Len Bahr
Executive Assistant
(225) 342-3968

Legal authority	R.S. 49:213.1
Year created	1989
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The authority was created to develop and annually update the state's overall strategy for conserving and restoring coastal wetlands through the construction and management of coastal wetlands enhancement projects.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION TASK FORCE

Contact: Mr. Len Bahr
Executive Assistant
(225) 342-3968

Legal authority	R.S. 49:213.5
Year created	1989
Oversight agency	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The task force was created to assist the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Authority in carrying out its purpose.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Wynnette B. Kees
Accountant Administrator
(225) 765-2862

Legal authority	Article VI, Section 1 of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution; Article IX, Section 7 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution; R.S. 56:1; R.S. 36:601
Year created	1921
Oversight agency	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for the control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life. The commission has general control, management, supervision, and direction of the department. It is a policy-making and budgetary-control board with no administrative functions. The commission has the sole authority to establish definite management programs and policies and to approve and accept all contracts.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	\$25 per meeting
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Financial/budget information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ronnie Robert
Chairman
(504) 282-0625

Legal authority	R.S. 23:71																											
Year created	1997																											
Oversight agency	Executive Department																											
Status	Active																											
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for developing a multiagency cooperative approach to job training by promoting comprehensive workforce development programs, especially professional and technical programs that equal the highest standards for achievement.																											
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 25																											
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12																											
Authorized per diem	None																											
Employees	None																											
Participation in state benefit plans	None																											
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Recommendation	No change recommended.																											

**ZACHARY TAYLOR PARKWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Patrick Witty
Treasurer
(225) 291-3060

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1804	
Year created	1992	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for initiating and coordinating research studies for the construction of a highway traversing the Louisiana Highway 1 and Louisiana Highway 10 corridor and which will cross the Mississippi River by way of a bridge, which is planned for construction in the vicinity of St. Francisville and New Roads. The commission is authorized to assess the feasibility of obtaining designation of the highway as a National Defense Highway and as a part of the National Highway System.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Financial/budget information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Total revenues	\$87,466	\$81,000
Total expenses/expenditures	\$103,019	\$104,500
which include:		
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Ending Balance	\$57,418	\$33,500
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

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Budget Units



A budget unit is any spending unit of the state authorized to exercise, or that does exercise, any functions of the state in the executive branch and which is declared to be a budget unit by the Division of Administration. Budget units are included in the executive budget of the state. The following boards, commissions, and like entities are budget units of the state or are included within such budget units.

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PESTICIDES

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:3211	
Year created	1975	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for establishing pesticide programs encompassing all phases of pesticide regulation including registration, distribution, sale, application, storage, and disposal; certification of pesticide users; environmental monitoring; and remediation of soil and water contaminated with pesticides.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 3	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$360	\$1,500
Members' travel expenses	\$830	\$1,086
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Contact: Dr. Janie Ponthieux
Executive Secretary
(225) 219-4437

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3141.3
Year created	1972
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for establishing standards for the conduct of solicitors and for the operation of approximately 170 proprietary schools by reviewing and recommending, to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), schools for initial licensure and for yearly renewal; for providing for the investigation, by the Department of Education, and the disposition of complaints relating to the standards; and for providing remedies for violations of the standards.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 342-1012

Legal authority	R.S. 22:1922	
Year created	1984	
Budget unit	Department of Insurance	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for assisting the commissioner of insurance in establishing educational and informational services to foster a greater awareness of the opportunities available in the insurance industry and of the skills, training, and education necessary to prepare for employment in the industry; for reviewing all complaints alleging violations; and for reporting apparent violations to the commissioner.	
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,171	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

Contact: Ms. Theresa Anzalone
Director of Bureau of Licensing
(225) 922-0015

Legal authority	R.S. 46:1406	
Year created	1985	
Budget unit	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for developing the initial minimum standards for licensure of Class A facilities and advising the Department of Social Services on matters pertaining to the review and revision of rules, regulations, and standards for licensure of Class A licensed child day care centers, child placing agencies, child residential facilities, and maternity homes. The committee also advises the department on all decisions to revoke or refusals to grant or renew licenses.	
Members	Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,069	\$700
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TECHNOLOGY ACCESS
BY THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

Contact: Mr. Ed Leachman
Director
Data Base Commission
(225) 219-4025

Legal authority	R.S. 39:303
Year created	1997
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Never fully organized
Purpose/function	The council advises the Data Base Commission in all matters pertaining to accessibility of public data bases by individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	A representative of the Data Base Commission reported that the council is currently being organized and is expected to begin meeting by January 1, 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended at this time.

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. William Boudreaux
 Director
 (225) 922-1341

Legal authority	R.S. 3:3401	
Year created	1940	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for grading, sampling, and inspecting all grain subject to inspection under an official USDA designation; for inspecting moisture metering devices for accuracy; for certifying elevator grades and samplers; for licensing, inspecting, supervising, and auditing all grain dealers and warehouses in the state; and for licensing and supervising all cotton buyers in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$520	\$2,080
Members' travel expenses	\$1,577	\$1,223
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

AMBULANCE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Nancy Bourgeois
Director
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
(225) 342-4881

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1232
Year created	1997
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee advises the Department of Health and Hospitals on establishing and updating a list of required medical and safety equipment which shall be carried as part of the regular equipment of every ambulance.
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Ms. Kathryn Seale
Secretary
(225) 296-4900

Legal authority	R.S. 38:3301	
Year created	1981	
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board has the authority to establish adequate drainage, flood control, and water resource development to include, but not limited to, construction of reservoirs, diversion canals, gravity and pumped drainage systems, and other flood control works.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$60 per meeting	
Employees	2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$8,100	\$12,300
Members' travel expenses	\$2,314	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Percy J. Rodriguez
Program Compliance Officer Supervisor
(225) 342-7820

Legal authority	R.S. 23:382
Year created	1938
Budget unit	Department of Labor
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council, subject to approval of the secretary of the Department of Labor, is responsible for establishing standards and procedures for registration and deregistration of apprenticeship programs, for approving apprenticeship agreements, and for issuing related rules and regulations.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	\$35 per meeting day
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:923	
Year created	1952	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for approving or disapproving tax exemption applications for new manufactured establishments and expansion of existing establishments and for property owners who propose development of existing structures in a downtown, historic, or economic development district.	
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 20	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	11 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$7,436	\$12,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 37:493	
Year created	1950	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for supervising, investigating, and regulating the beauty and hairdressing industry in the state. The board is authorized to issue, suspend, or revoke licenses of cosmetologists, operators, hairdressers, estheticians, manicurists, managers, beauty shop owners, teachers, schools, and students to protect the health and welfare of the people of the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 15	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	27 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$30,167	\$49,500
Members' travel expenses	\$18,256	\$27,590
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Contact: Ms. Weegie Peabody
Executive Director
(225) 342-5840

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1	
Year created	1974	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for supervising and controlling the public elementary and secondary schools, vocational-technical training schools, and special schools under its jurisdiction and is responsible for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for those schools.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	9 classified; 6 unclassified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$17,900	\$21,528
Members' travel expenses	\$47,233	\$52,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF ETHICS

Contact: Ms. JoAnn R. Johnson
 Administrative Director
 (225) 922-1400

Legal authority	R.S. 42:1132	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of State Civil Service	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for administering and enforcing provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Election Integrity Act, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, and the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	23 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$4,800	\$5,590
Members' travel expenses	\$10,173	\$5,008
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PARDONS

Contact: Ms. Jaymee Burleigh
 Administrative Specialist II
 (225) 342-5421

Legal authority	Article IV, Section 5(E) of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution	
Year created	1968	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for receiving and examining information and documents to make recommendations to the governor regarding applications for clemency and pardon of individuals who are incarcerated.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 28; current year estimated - 28	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 classified; 5 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$436	\$3,000
Members' salary	\$165,000	\$186,000
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF PAROLE

Contact: Mr. Fred Y. Clark
Chairman
(225) 342-6622

Legal authority	R.S. 15:574.2	
Year created	1968	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for determining the time and conditions of parole for convicted felons sentenced to prison and confined in the state and for revoking and returning to incarceration those offenders who are unable to adjust and have violated the conditions of their parole.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 150; current year estimated - 150	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	8 classified; 3 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$40,695	\$29,393
Members' salary	\$258,000	\$258,000
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF REGENTS

Contact: Ms. Marlene Freeman
Assistant Commissioner of Fiscal Affairs
(225) 342-4253

Legal authority	Article VIII, Section 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution	
Year created	1975	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for planning, coordinating, and budgeting for all public higher education in the state; for administering the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund as required by Act 1020 of 1986; and for formulating a master plan for higher education, including as a minimum within the master plan, a formula for the equitable distribution of funds.	
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 13	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	16 classified; 45 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$15,700	\$18,000
Members' travel expenses	\$21,568	\$32,856
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

Contact: Ms. Marie Williams
Clerk
(225) 922-0172

Legal authority	R.S. 47:1401	
Year created	1942	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for acting as an appeal board to hear and decide questions arising from disputes between taxpayers and the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 19; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	2 unclassified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$20,100	\$20,100
Members' travel expenses	\$1,651	\$3,240
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Contact: Mr. James A. Caillier
System President
(225) 342-6950

Legal authority	Article VIII, Section 6 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 17:1831	
Year created	1974	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	<p>The board is responsible for supervising and managing state colleges and universities that are not managed by a higher education board created specifically for such a purpose. Specifically, under the supervision and management of the board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delgado Community College at New Orleans • Grambling State University at Grambling • Louisiana Tech University at Ruston • McNeese State University at Lake Charles • Nicholls State University at Thibodaux • Northeast Louisiana University at Monroe • Northwestern State University of Louisiana at Natchitoches • Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond • University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette • Nunez Community College at Chalmette • Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier Parish • River Parishes Community College • South Louisiana Community College • Louisiana Technical College - Teche Area Campus 	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 14	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	3 classified; 12 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$15,250	\$15,000
Members' travel expenses	\$34,787	\$30,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Agriculture and Forestry
(225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:1604
Year created	1992
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for suppressing or eradicating the boll weevil and cooperating with state and federal agencies in the administration of cost-sharing programs for the suppression or eradication of the boll weevil.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

BOND COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Sharon Perez
 Director
 (225) 342-0040

Legal authority	R.S. 39:1401	
Year created	1968	
Budget unit	Department of Treasury	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission issues and sells all general obligation bonds of the State of Louisiana issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution, payable from the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. In addition, state agencies and political subdivisions may not incur debt or levy taxes, or hold elections thereof, without approval or authorization of the commission.	
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	10 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$6,366	\$12,000
Members' travel expenses	\$4,214	\$4,200
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CABINET ADVISORY GROUP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2384
Year created	1996
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The group is responsible for advising, coordinating with, and providing research, informational, and staff support to the Economic Development Council to implement the strategic economic development plan for the state.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CADDO PINE ISLAND OIL AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Ms. Coe Haygood
Director
(318) 995-6845

Legal authority	R.S. 25:380.21
Year created	1997
Budget unit	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for establishing policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of the museum including setting and charging admission and tour fees and user or rental fees to any or all museum buildings and exhibits.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	2 classified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CANCER AND LUNG TRUST FUND BOARD

Contact: Mr. Ray Whiting
Administrator
(504) 568-3335

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1299.88	
Year created	1980	
Budget unit	Louisiana State University Medical Center	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for directing disbursements of grant monies from the Cancer and Lung Trust Fund to be used solely for research, clinical investigations, and training in the cancer and cardiopulmonary fields.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$889	\$4,600
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Contact: Honorable William Dupont, Judge
Chairman
(225) 922-2700

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2663	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for directing the operation and management of community-based programs and services relative to public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services for the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	158 classified; 10 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$383	\$350
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

CHILDREN'S CABINET

Contact: Ms. Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Executive Director
(225) 342-1677

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2602
Year created	1992
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The cabinet is responsible for facilitating and requiring the coordination of policy, planning, and budgeting which affects programs and services for children and their families; coordinating delivery of services to children and their families; and eliminating duplication of services where appropriate. The cabinet is responsible for assuring the most efficient and effective use of resources, particularly through programs for intervention and prevention.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Comments	R.S. 46:2606 provides for the cabinet to terminate and its legal authority to cease, as well as for the repeal of Title 46, Chapter 45, on July 1, 2000.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

Contact: Ms. Judy Harrison
Executive Director
(225) 342-2245

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2404
Year created	1983
Budget unit	Department of Social Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, adopting, coordinating, and revising the comprehensive state plan for child abuse prevention which is to be funded through the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund. The board reviews, evaluates, and awards grants from the fund for child abuse and neglect prevention and monitors and evaluates the programs and services that have been funded by grants from the trust fund.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Anne Soileau
Acting Deputy Director
(225) 342-8070

Legal authority	Article XIV, Section 15(c) of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution (adopted as Constitutional Amendment), continued by Article X, Section 3 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution	
Year created	1952	
Budget unit	Department of State Civil Service	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for the administration and regulation of a merit system for state employees within the classified service.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 27; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	101 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$18,825	\$15,450
Members' travel expenses	\$15,752	\$11,388
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner
 Executive Director
 (225) 925-4177

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2351	
Year created	1980	
Budget unit	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for promoting and coordinating public and private services for deaf and/or hard of hearing individuals; serving as an advocate for the needs and rights of the deaf and hearing impaired; certifying and maintaining a registry of certified interpreters; reviewing and reporting on the status of available services; and recommending priorities for appropriate programs and services for the deaf and hearing impaired.	
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$662	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

COMMISSION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Contact: Mr. Ronnie Harrell
 Director
 (225) 925-3780

Legal authority	R.S. 3:4603	
Year created	1952	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for testing and inspecting commercially used weights, measures, and measuring devices to maintain a fixed standard by which sales and purchases can be made with confidence.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$360	\$2,020
Members' travel expenses	\$1,256	None
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Contact: Mr. Alton E. Hadley
 Department of Health and Hospitals
 (225) 342-6717

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2500	
Year created	1984	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission serves as the advisory board for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse on state policy with respect to alcohol and drug abuse; advises other state entities on state alcohol and drug abuse policy; recommends policy, program initiatives, and goals relative to alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment to be included in an annual state plan; and serves as a liaison to state and local entities advocating prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$11,542	\$15,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Contact: Ms. Leah R. Raby
Acting Executive Director
(225) 342-6969

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2231
Year created	1988
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for assuring that the state has appropriate legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment and public accommodations sufficient to justify the deferral of cases by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Secretary of Labor, and the Department of Justice, and to safeguard all individuals within the state from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, sickle cell trait, pregnancy, or other medical conditions; and to further the interest, rights, and privileges of individuals within the state.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 8
Authorized per diem	\$65 per meeting day
Employees	3 unclassified; 2 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Contact: Ms. Judy Mouton
Deputy Director
(225) 925-4430

Legal authority	R.S. 15:1201
Year created	1976
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for studying and encouraging adoption of methods that make law enforcement more effective and justice administration more efficient and fair, for encouraging public understanding of the responsibilities and problems of law enforcement officers and agencies, and for developing public support for their efforts.
Members	Number authorized - 54; currently serving - 53
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	57 classified; 1 unclassified; 7 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

COMMISSION ON PERINATAL CARE AND PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY

Contact: Mr. Robert Babin
Program Manager
(225) 342-9513

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2018	
Year created	1989	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for researching and reviewing all state laws, regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures that <i>impact perinatal care and, where appropriate, making recommendations to the legislature and secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals. In addition, the commission is responsible for providing a plan that the state can adopt to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies, sick infants, and infant mortalities.</i>	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	16 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$385	\$500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION OF
POLICE SERVICES OF ELDERLY PERSONS**

Contact: Ms. Judy Mouton
Deputy Director
(225) 925-1997

Legal authority	R.S. 15:1231
Year created	1994
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee advises law enforcement agencies and senior citizen organizations in the study and evaluation of the "Triad Programs," sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons, as an effective response to the problems of crime against elderly persons.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**COMMITTEE OF CERTIFICATION WATERWORKS
AND SEWERAGE WORKS OPERATORS**

Contact: Mr. Larry J. Fox
Administrator
(225) 765-5058

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1141
Year created	1972
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for advising and assisting the state health officer in the administration of the certification program for operators of all water production facilities, treatment plants, distribution systems, and sewerage collection systems and treatment plants. The committee conducts all work necessary to promote the certification program by developing examinations, examining certificate candidates, and maintaining records.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CHILD CARE

Contact: Ms. Theresa Anzalone
Director of Bureau of Licensing
Department of Social Services
(225) 922-0015

Legal authority	R.S. 46:1410
Year created	1985
Budget unit	Department of Social Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for developing minimum standards for licensure of Class B child care facilities and consulting with the Department of Social Services on matters pertaining to decisions to revoke or refuse to grant Class B licenses.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH IN LOUISIANA
(CODOFIL)**

Contact: Mr. David Cherie
Director
(318) 262-5810

Legal authority	R.S. 25:651
Year created	1968
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is empowered to do any and all things necessary to accomplish the development, utilization, and preservation of the French language as found in the state for the cultural and economic benefit of the state.
Members	Number authorized - 50; currently serving - 50
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	4 classified; 1 unclassified; 1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPANISH IN LOUISIANA
(CODESPAN)**

Legal authority	R.S. 25:671
Year created	1985
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Unknown
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for promoting the study of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture in schools, colleges, and universities in Louisiana, and for developing a relationship between the State of Louisiana and the Spanish-speaking nations of the world.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - unknown
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - unknown
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	Not provided
Comments	For the second year, the council had not submitted information requested by the legislative auditor in accordance with R.S. 24:513.2(F). The council did not meet from 1994 to 1996 and we have not received any indication that the council plans on meeting in the future. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

COUNCIL ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Contact: Mr. Aubrey Futrell
Deputy Assistant Director
(225) 925-1997

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2403
Year created	1976
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council has broad supervisory authority over education (training standards) made available to law enforcement officers. This council is responsible for accrediting law enforcement training centers; developing minimum curriculum requirements; establishing instructor qualifications; certifying officers and instructors; inspecting and evaluating training centers, courses, and programs; and adopting, amending, or repealing rules and regulations to implement and interpret applicable acts.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bob Wertz
Program Manager
(225) 925-1997

Legal authority	R.S. 46:1801
Year created	1982
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is used by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to administer federal Victims Reparations funds. The board is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying reparations' applications for victims of violent crimes.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DAIRY STABILIZATION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bob Simon
Director
(225) 922-1346

Legal authority	R.S. 3:4106	
Year created	1974	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing (without charge) and auditing processors, distributors, and retail stores selling dairy products and for conducting investigations to detect and prevent violations of laws, rules, and regulations.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$30 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$330	\$900
Members' travel expenses	\$775	\$1,303
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

DATA BASE COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Ed Leachman
Director
Office of Data Base Commission
(225) 219-4025

Legal authority	R.S. 39:291
Year created	1991
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission provides consistent financial, economic, demographic, and other data to be readily accessible in a uniform format for management and policy planning purposes.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	The commission's expenditures are included in the Division of Administration's budget.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE) ADVISORY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Judy Mouton
Deputy Director
(225) 925-1997

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-41
Year created	1996
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is charged with developing, promoting, monitoring, and evaluating the DARE program throughout the state. The board serves as an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice in this respect.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Alyce Lappin
Deputy Assistant Director
(225) 925-4443

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-44
Year created	1996
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The duties of the board include, but are not limited to, serving as an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice and developing a statewide drug control and violent crime strategy encompassing all components of the criminal justice system.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

DRUG POLICY BOARD

Contact: Mr. Steve Young
Governor's Office
(225) 342-3423

Legal authority	R.S. 49:219.2
Year created	1990
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for identifying, examining, selecting, or developing and recommending or implementing drug control policies to more effectively combat illegal drugs and alcohol abuse; evaluating how anti-drug monies are used in implementing related programs; identifying and evaluating the effectiveness of public awareness and drug prevention programs; and assessing the role of law enforcement in combating drug abuse and trafficking.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Mr. Dennis Manshack
Executive Director
(225) 342-5675

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2311	
Year created	1988	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for governing the Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the single review board for all financial assistance, grants, and investment programs, administered by the Department of Economic Development.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	8 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$3,260	\$5,087
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2377	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for formulating and recommending a <i>comprehensive strategic plan for economic development in the state</i> , and working in concert with the Cabinet Advisory Group on Economic Development to provide direction and coordination for the implementation of any state measures the legislature decides to pursue.	
Members	Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$4,774	\$5,210
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
Fiscal Officer
Department of Economic Development
(225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2382(B)(1)
Year created	1996
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The committee is authorized to divide the work of the Economic Development Council into discrete areas and to establish and appoint subcommittees. The committee also meets quarterly with the Cabinet Advisory Group on Economic Development to exchange information and facilitate implementation strategies regarding the state master plan for economic development.
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 5
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Economic Development reported that all expenses of the committee are paid by the Economic Development Council.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Henry Stamper
Director
Division of Economically
Disadvantaged Business Development
(225) 342-5373

Legal authority	R.S. 51:1765	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for reviewing and commenting upon the processes used by the Division of Economically Disadvantaged Business Development in determining qualified businesses, advising the division regarding approaches in <i>delivering developmental assistance to disadvantaged business</i> , monitoring the efforts of the division, and conducting regional meetings to inform the citizenry of the work of the division.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$1,425	\$9,900
Members' travel expenses	\$2,390	\$6,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Beth Courtney
Executive Director
(225) 767-4200

Legal authority	R.S. 17:2503
Year created	1971
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The authority, which serves four million Louisiana residents and school children through six television licenses and several cooperative endeavors, is responsible for promoting the use of educational and public television in the state.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 19
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 3
Authorized per diem	\$25 per meeting day
Employees	78 classified; 2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Nancy Bourgeois
 Director
 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
 (225) 342-4881

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1232.2	
Year created	1997	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission advises the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Health and Hospitals, on requirements and standards for certification of emergency medical personnel and continuing education requirements for certification.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	None	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Nancy Bourgeois
Director
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
(225) 342-4881

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1300.105	
Year created	1995	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council advises the Department of Health and Hospitals and the coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services for Children program on all matters concerning emergency medical services for children.	
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,000	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BOARD OF REVIEW

Contact: Mr. Joseph W. Bryant
Deputy Undersecretary
(225) 342-3137

Legal authority	R.S. 23:1652	
Year created	1936	
Budget unit	Department of Labor	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board serves as the third level of employer claims hearing of appeals. The board is responsible for disposing of appeals filed to the higher authority.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 149; current year estimated - 156	
Authorized per diem	\$60 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$44,700	\$66,540
Members' travel expenses	\$10,464	\$11,734
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

EXECUTIVE BOARD ON AGING

Contact: Mr. Paul Colomb
Staff Attorney
(225) 342-7100

Legal authority	R.S. 46:933	
Year created	1992	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures pertaining to the Office of Elderly Affairs within the Office of the Governor; for approving matters of policy and all rules and regulations pertaining to elderly affairs and all voluntary parish councils on aging; and for reviewing and making recommendations to the director of the Office of Elderly Affairs on matters of general importance and relevance to the planning, monitoring, coordination, and delivery of services to the elderly.	
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,976	\$4,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FEED COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:1892	
Year created	1948	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for registering and regulating operations of the feed industry in Louisiana to ensure quality products for the farmers and consumers in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$175	None
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FERTILIZER COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Agriculture and Forestry
(225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:1312
Year created	1948
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for registering and regulating the activities of the fertilizer industry so that it may provide quality products to the farmers and consumers of the state.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FIREMAN'S SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD

Contact: Mr. James L. Thibodeaux
Deputy Undersecretary
(225) 925-6032

Legal authority	R.S. 33:2006
Year created	1967
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for deciding questions of eligibility of firemen to receive supplemental pay out of state funds.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$913
Members' salary	None
Comments	Budget information was not provided.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

FORESTRY COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Paul D. Frey
State Forester
(225) 925-4500

Legal authority	R.S. 3:4271	
Year created	1921	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for protecting, conserving, and replenishing the natural resources of the state. The commission prepares plans for execution of laws relating to forestry, selects and employs the state forester and controls his tenure of office, and directs and advises the state forester in the work of the commission.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$182	\$200
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

FUR AND ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Greg Linscombe
Program Manager
(318) 373-0032

Legal authority	R.S. 56:266(C)	
Year created	1986	
Budget unit	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for reviewing and approving recommended procedures and programs to be funded from the Louisiana Fur and Alligator Public Education and Marketing Fund and the Louisiana Alligator Resource Fund and ensures that any monies from the fund are expended for the specific goals of the council.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$12,247	\$15,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Contact: Ms. Lana Tramonte
Administrative Assistant
(225) 295-8450

Legal authority	R.S. 27:11	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board has all regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction, including investigation, licensing, and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, and jurisdiction over all aspects of gaming activities and operations within the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 15	
Authorized per diem	\$100 per meeting	
Employees	2 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$9,400	\$36,800
Members' travel expenses	\$7,769	\$54,500
Members' salary	\$110,828	\$206,528
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

Contact: Mr. Durand "Rudy" Macklin
Executive Director
(225) 342-4886

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2451
Year created	1980
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for developing, fostering, and coordinating services and programs of physical fitness and sports for the people of Louisiana; sponsoring physical fitness and sports workshops; giving recognition to outstanding developments and achievements in physical fitness and sports; stimulating physical fitness research; and enlisting the support of individuals, civic groups, amateur and professional sports associations, and other organizations to promote and improve physical fitness and sports programs.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	1 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

GOVERNOR'S REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Brenda Bercegeay
 Program Specialist
 (225) 925-4135

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-43	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council advises the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Social Services in the development of programs, methods, and strategies designed to enhance opportunities of employment and independence for persons with disabilities.	
Members	Number authorized - 30; currently serving - 26	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$18,765	\$35,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

GOVERNOR'S STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Sarah Liberta
 Council Coordinator
 (225) 342-0187

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-42	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for jointly developing, in conjunction with the Office of Rehabilitation Services, a state plan for independent living services and centers for independent living; and monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating implementation of this state plan.	
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 18	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$29,894	\$30,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM

Contact: Mr. Art Jones
Disaster Recovery Chief
Office of Emergency Preparedness
(225) 342-6629

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-49
Year created	1996
Budget unit	Military Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The team advises and assists the Office of Emergency Preparedness in updating and improving its disaster assistance and emergency preparedness plans.
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	2 classified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA (HEAL)

Contact: Mr. Marshall J. Ryals
Executive Director
(504) 568-5835

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3053	
Year created	1968	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority is responsible for promoting the medical and health education activities of private and public institutions in the state, assisting in providing prompt and efficient medical and health care services at a reasonable cost, and striving to achieve superlative standards of attainment in health care and education.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$3,356	\$4,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James E. Champagne
Executive Director
(225) 925-6991

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1351	
Year created	1968	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for developing and administering the state's traffic safety program by cooperating with the federal government and other entities for the purpose of highway safety; preparing highway safety plans; studying, evaluating, and preparing statistics regarding motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and deaths; and obtaining federal funds for use within the state for highway safety purposes.	
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - 21	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	16 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$4,117	\$2,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

HORTICULTURE COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:3801	
Year created	1950	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for governing the qualifications and practices of professional arborists, retail and wholesale florists, horticulturists, landscape architects, landscape contractors, nursery stock dealers, and cut flower dealers. The commission establishes examinations and collects examination, license, and permit fees.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 12	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per day spent on board business	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$40	\$250
Members' travel expenses	\$21	\$250
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

INDIGENT DEFENSE ASSISTANCE BOARD

Contact: Mr. Jelpi Picou, Jr.
 Director
 (504) 568-8530

Legal authority	R.S. 15:151	
Year created	1997	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for providing supplemental funds, when appropriated, to judicial district indigent defender boards and through its established programs for the purposes of complying with the requirements of the Constitutions of the United States and Louisiana and specific statutory provisions affording the right to counsel to indigent defendants in criminal cases.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 8	
Authorized per diem	\$101 per meeting	
Employees	5 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	\$5,000
Members' travel expenses	None	\$5,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

INSURANCE RATING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Donald J. McLean, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Insurance
(225) 342-5350

Legal authority	R.S. 22:1401	
Year created	1992	
Budget unit	Department of Insurance	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for regulating insurance companies and rating organizations governing the application of <i>rules and rates</i> ; reviewing and approving or disapproving rates to be charged on all casualty-surety-fire and inland marine risks, including applications for deviations from rates, plans, schedules, or rules; and calling and conducting hearings when modified prior approval rate filings are not sufficiently documented by actuarial evidence.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 14	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$3,850	\$18,000
Members' travel expenses	\$18,691	\$11,889
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDNET

Contact: Ms. Janie Martin
Executive Director
(225) 342-3638

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1979	
Year created	1987	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for advising and assisting the Department of Education in identifying sources of fiscal and other support for services for early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with special needs; assisting in achieving the full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all public agencies in Louisiana; assisting in assigning financial responsibility to appropriate agencies; and promoting interagency agreements.	
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 19	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$11,515	\$16,000
Members' salary	None	None
Comments	Members' travel expenses also include travel expenses of the council's staff.	
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD

Contact: Ms. Cynthia B. Duhon
Board Secretary
(225) 342-0349

Legal authority	R.S. 39:461; Article VII, Section 7 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution	
Year created	1974	
Budget unit	Department of Treasury	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for obtaining funds, either from the state General Fund or by borrowing on the full faith and credit of the state, when an emergency situation arises between sessions of the legislature. In addition, the board recommends priority changes in the capital outlay program and approves financial institutions as state depositories/fiscal agents.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$97 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$1,194	\$4,700
Members' travel expenses	\$369	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

INTERPRETER CERTIFICATION BOARD

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner
 Executive Director
 Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
 (225) 925-4177

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2352(7)(c)(i)	
Year created	1993	
Budget unit	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for reporting to and advising the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf in the administration of the certification program for sign language interpreters, including any specialized interpreters.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$514	\$750
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**JEAN LAFITTE SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Gerald Breaux
President
(318) 232-3737

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1831
Year created	1993
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is charged with developing and implementing a plan for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive and the natural, historic, and cultural sites and attractions of the route of Louisiana Highway 82, beginning at the Vermilion Parish line and ending at Holmwood, Louisiana.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 12
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Contact: Dr. Leslie Tremaine
Executive Director
(504) 838-5215

Legal authority	R.S. 28:831
Year created	1989
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for directing the operation and management of mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services for Jefferson Parish.
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 10
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 11
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	185 classified; 39 unclassified; 17 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LEARN COMMISSION

Contact: Dr. Louann Bierlein
 Governor's Education Policy Advisor
 (225) 342-1608

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-8	
Year created	1996	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission oversaw the development of a state consolidation plan to improve education, developed recommendations regarding the implementation of the plan, and is currently overseeing the implementation of the plan.	
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 40	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 3	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$8,385	\$7,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Charles M. Fuller
Executive Director
(225) 925-4895

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1841	
Year created	1950	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for regulating the Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Anhydrous Ammonia Commercial Distribution System within the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	11 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$4,550	\$4,800
Members' travel expenses	\$3,576	\$3,600
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LIVESTOCK BRAND COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Terrel Delphin
Director
(225) 925-3962

Legal authority	R.S. 3:732												
Year created	1944												
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry												
Status	Active												
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for investigating livestock thefts, maintaining brand records, and reporting livestock market information. The commission receives assistance from the state police, local sheriffs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and law enforcement officials in other states.												
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9												
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4												
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day												
Employees	None												
Participation in state benefit plans	None												
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Per diem	None	None											
Members' travel expenses	\$210	\$600											
Members' salary	None	None											
Recommendation	No change recommended.												

LIVESTOCK SANITARY BOARD

Contact: Dr. Maxwell Lea
Director
(225) 925-3980

Legal authority	R.S. 3:2091	
Year created	1908	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for licensing and supervising livestock dealers and auction markets and for requiring livestock owners to quarantine, test, or vaccinate livestock to prevent, control, and eradicate disease. The board serves all livestock producers and owners in the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,581	\$3,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT TESTING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Scott Norton
Division Director
(225) 342-3748

Legal authority	R.S. 17:24.4(J)
Year created	1986
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for studying elementary and secondary education testing issues and indicators of student performance. The commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by recommending procedures for conducting, maintaining, and reporting reliable accountability measures of student performance.
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE AND THE ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact: Brother David Sinitiere
Executive Director
(318) 357-3174

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1964	
Year created	1982	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board establishes policies necessary for an efficient operation, selects and employs staff, establishes a curriculum, and otherwise provides for the general operation of the school.	
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 21	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,456	\$5,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Mr. Todd M. Barre'
Director of Budget
(225) 388-6935

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1453	
Year created	1855	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the supervision and management of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System. The mission of the system involves development of the highest levels of intellectual and professional endeavor in programs of instruction, research, and service.	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 9	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	3 classified; 21 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$13,019	\$13,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM
FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (LUMCON)
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Contact: Mr. William J. Hebert
Financial Operations Manager
(504) 851-2800

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3451
Year created	1979
Budget unit	Board of Regents
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for administering the affairs of the consortium. The board reports to the Board of Regents on all fiscal and programmatic matters of the consortium.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MARKET COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1277

Legal authority	R.S. 3:401	
Year created	1940	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for promoting Louisiana products, administering loan programs for Louisiana agricultural industries, and enforcing regulations on Louisiana products. The commission serves all farmers subject to rules governing grading and certification of farm products and agribusinesses eligible for loans and loan guarantees for processing and storing agricultural products.	
Members	Number authorized - 12; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$480	\$2,400
Members' travel expenses	\$1,288	\$113
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Bobby Breland
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Motor Vehicles
(225) 925-6281

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1351
Year created	1968
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for advising the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, with respect to the visual ability or physical condition of driver's license applicants insofar as any impairment or disability may hinder the person's ability to maintain reasonable control of a motor vehicle.
Members	Number authorized - 18; currently serving - 15
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Louis Lyles
Program Manager
(225) 342-3922

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2604	
Year created	1992	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for advising the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals in the administration of the Medical Assistance Trust Fund; providing recommendations, advice, and assistance in the analysis and preparation of rules and regulations pertinent to the operation and administration of the trust fund; and reviewing the financial records and accounts of the trust fund and making such recommendations to the secretary as are deemed appropriate.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$44	\$300
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE PANEL

Contact: Ms. Paula Kramer
Program Specialist
(225) 342-4702

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1299.40(E)	
Year created	1975	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The panel is responsible for determining which risks and hazards related to medical care and surgical procedures must be disclosed by a physician or other health care provider to a patient or person authorized to consent for a patient and to establish the general form and substance of such disclosure.	
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$700	\$700
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PATIENT'S COMPENSATION FUND OVERSIGHT BOARD

Contact: Mr. Michael Walsh
Executive Director
(225) 342-6052

Legal authority	R.S. 40:1299.44(D)	
Year created	1990	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the management, administration, operation, and defense of the Medical Malpractice Patient's Compensation Fund.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per day spent on board business	
Employees	26 classified; 2 unclassified; 5 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$2,850	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,917	\$2,300
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Kevin Robshaw
Director
(225) 342-6678

Legal authority	R.S. 28:64
Year created	1977
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board governs the Mental Health Advocacy Service, which provides legal counsel and representation for mentally disabled persons and ensures that their rights are protected. The Mental Health Advocacy Service provides legal counsel to all patients requesting such service who are admitted for treatment pursuant to involuntary admission, commitment, legal competency, change of status, transfer, or discharge.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	12 unclassified; 6 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MILITARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	EO MJF 96-12															
Year created	1996															
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development															
Status	Active															
Purpose/function	The commission was established to pull together the various military interest which exists within the state, to provide a forum for those interests, and to serve as a liaison between various military entities and various civilian interests within the state.															
Members	Number authorized - unlimited; currently serving - 50															
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2															
Authorized per diem	None															
Employees	None															
Participation in state benefit plans	None															
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	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999														
Per diem	None	None														
Members' travel expenses	\$250	\$56,600														
Members' salary	None	None														
Recommendation	No change recommended.															

MINERAL BOARD

Contact: Ms. Bonnie Yarbrough
Accountant 3
(225) 342-4533

Legal authority	R.S. 30:121	
Year created	1936	
Budget unit	Department of Natural Resources	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for leasing state lands for mineral exploration and development. The board reviews existing mineral leases for proper maintenance, development, and operation; reviews payments pursuant to state leases; and documents agreements affecting state leases, including unitization, compromise, consent letters, and assignments.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 10	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 11; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	10 classified	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$9,300	\$9,000
Members' travel expenses	\$8,139	\$6,225
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION OF LOUISIANA

Contact: Mr. Sidney Babin
 Chief Landscape Architect
 (225) 379-1550

Legal authority	R.S. 48:101(A)
Year created	1980
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is an affiliate of the National Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission and is required to cooperate with and assist it in promoting interest in the development of the Great River Road as designated by the federal authorities and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Transportation and Development.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 2
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 2; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$1,031
Members' salary	None
Comments	<i>Budget information was not provided.</i>
Recommendation	No change recommended.

MUSIC COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 25:315	
Year created	1979	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for promoting and developing popular commercial music and its related industry in Louisiana.	
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 14	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 2	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	1 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$472	\$1,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Weegie Peabody
 Executive Director
 Board of Elementary and Secondary
 Education
 (225) 342-5840

Legal authority	R.S. 17:11		
Year created	1975		
Budget unit	Department of Education		
Status	Active		
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for advising and counseling the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education relative to guidelines for private and proprietary schools' minimum requirements of a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at least equal to that prescribed for similar public schools.		
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - 11		
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 8; current year estimated - 6		
Authorized per diem	None		
Employees	None		
Participation in state benefit plans	None		
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget	
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999	
Per diem	None	None	
Members' travel expenses	\$3,953	\$4,100	
Members' salary	None	None	
Recommendation	No change recommended.		

OFFSHORE TERMINAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Mr. Terry W. Gee
Executive Director
(225) 379-1235

Legal authority	R.S. 34:3104
Year created	1972
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The authority is charged with promoting the industrial and petrochemical base of the Mississippi Valley by providing adequate deep draft port facilities; promoting scientific and other uses relating to offshore terminal facilities; accommodating and planning for technological innovations occurring in the worldwide and domestic shipping industry to increase efficiency and the flow of commerce; protecting environmental values and Louisiana's coastal marshland ecosystem; and asserting and protecting Louisiana's economic, social, and environmental interests in the development of any offshore terminal facilities outside the State of Louisiana where such development may have an impact upon the state.
Members	Number authorized - 11; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	2 unclassified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Comments	R.S. 34:3104 specifies that the authority shall be governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the governor. According to the executive director, a board of commissioners does not exist and he was appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider amending R.S. 34:3104 as it pertains to the existence of a board of commissioners and to provide for the executive director's appointment.

OILFIELD RESTORATION COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Gary Ross
Petroleum Engineer Manager
(225) 342-6089

Legal authority	R.S. 30:83
Year created	1993
Budget unit	Department of Natural Resources
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for approving lists of contractors acceptable to conduct site assessment and restoration; reviewing the administration of site restoration activities and the adequacy of restoration assessments; and administering and managing the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

PEACE OFFICER TRAINING STUDY COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Aubrey Futrell
Deputy Assistant Director
(225) 925-4942

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2405.2
Year created	1998
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Not fully organized
Purpose/function	The committee was created to study and make recommendations to the governor concerning the establishment of minimum training standards for reserve, part-time, and full-time peace officers.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 11
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	The committee is scheduled to expire on July 31, 1999.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Contact: Ms. Sandee Winchell
Acting Executive Director
(225) 342-6804

Legal authority	R.S. 28:750	
Year created	1982	
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The council is established to plan effective coordination of state resources to meet the needs and promote the dignity of persons with developmental disabilities; to serve as an advisor to the governor, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the legislature on programs and policies pertaining to services; and to promote provision of a full range of services, assistance, and opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities, including housing, education, rehabilitation, employment, recreation, family support, and other needed support services in the least restrictive environment.	
Members	Number authorized - 24; currently serving - 23	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	13 classified; 2 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	September 30, 1998	September 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$11,578	\$17,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

PORK PROMOTION BOARD

Contact: Mr. Bryce Malone
 Assistant Commissioner
 Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 (225) 922-1277

Legal authority	R.S. 3:551.82
Year created	1972
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The board was established to promote the growth and development of the pork industry in Louisiana through research and advertisement.
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	For the fifth year, a representative of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry reported that the board is inactive. The board is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the board.

PRISON ENTERPRISES BOARD

Contact: Ms. Ginger Williamson
Executive Officer
(225) 342-6603

Legal authority	R.S. 15:1155	
Year created	1983	
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Corrections Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board advises the secretary of Corrections Services regarding the management of the agricultural and industrial programs which are operated by Prison Enterprises at the various state correctional institutions.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 15	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information		
	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$4,050	\$7,875
Members' travel expenses	\$2,921	\$4,836
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Contact: Mrs. Von M. Meador
Undersecretary
(225) 342-4421

Legal authority	R.S. 45:1161.1	
Year created	1921	
Budget unit	Public Service Commission	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for fixing and regulating the rates and services of public utilities; prescribing rules and regulations governing the operation of contract carriers in competition with common carriers; and prescribing minimum rates, fares, and charges.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	96 classified; 17 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$33,501	\$35,000
Members' salary	\$225,000	\$225,000
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

RACING COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 4:144	
Year created	1940	
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for instituting and maintaining a regulatory program for horse racing in Louisiana to protect public health, safety, and welfare.	
Members	Number authorized - 10; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 5	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	13 classified; 65 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$2,200	\$20,000
Members' travel expenses	\$37,686	\$22,626
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**REAL FRENCH DESTINATION SCENIC BYWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Louis Cornay
Member
(318) 662-5876

Legal authority	R.S. 48:2002
Year created	1995
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for developing and implementing a plan for the preservation, beautification, and promotion of the scenic drive beginning at LA 93 from Bayou Fusilier and ending at the intersection with US 167.
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Curtis G. Patterson
 Assistant Secretary
 Public Works and Intermodal Transportation
 (225) 379-1294

Legal authority	R.S. 38:20	
Year created	1978	
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The purpose and function of the Compact Commission is to administer and enforce compliance with the provisions of the Compact among the four signatory states, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The Compact is simply a contract between the four states to divide and apportion the waters of the Red River in a fair and equitable manner. The primary business of the Compact Commission is to establish equitable rules for apportioning the waters and equitable methods for calculating and monitoring compliance with the apportionment rules.	
Members	Number authorized - 2; currently serving - 2	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$100	\$100
Members' travel expenses	\$400	\$600
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

RED RIVER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. Kathy Blankenship
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Economic Development
 (225) 342-9658

Legal authority	R.S. 51:2402
Year created	1989
Budget unit	Department of Economic Development
Status	Disbanded
Purpose/function	The council was charged to develop a master plan for utilization of the fresh water supply of the Red River and for the development of the area within the watersheds of the Red River and its tributaries and for the protection of the watersheds.
Members	Number authorized - 14; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	The council completed its mission and submitted the master plan to the governor and the legislature in February 1991. The council has not fulfilled the function for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

**REGIONAL MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM**

Contact: Mr. Forrest Dunn
Administrator
(318) 632-2020

Legal authority	R.S. 25:379.1
Year created	1991
Budget unit	Department of State
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board establishes policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and advises the secretary of state on all matters relating to the operation of the museum.
Members	Number authorized - 21; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

RURAL HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Lavergne
Program Manager
(225) 342-9513

Legal authority	R.S. 40:2198
Year created	1993
Budget unit	Department of Health and Hospitals
Status	Inactive
Purpose/function	The authority, through the Department of Health and Hospitals, is authorized to establish primary health clinics in each rural parish and to enhance comprehensive regional treatment centers to meet the special health care needs of rural Louisiana in the areas of Alexandria, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Monroe, New Orleans, and Lake Charles. The authority is charged with establishing three commissions in south Louisiana and three commissions in north Louisiana to meet the health care needs of those areas.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	A representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals reported that the authority is inactive. The authority is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the authority.

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Contact: Ms. Linda Curtis-Sparks
Executive Director
(318) 256-4112

Legal authority	R.S. 38:2322	
Year created	1950	
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for conserving, storing, controlling, preserving, using, and distributing the waters of the rivers and streams of the Sabine watershed; draining and reclaiming the marsh, swamp, and overflow lands in the district; controlling floods and causing settlement and cultivation of the lands; and conserving and beneficially using the water resources of the Sabine River and its tributaries.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 28; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	59 classified; 2 unclassified; 32 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$7,700	\$7,800
Members' travel expenses	\$6,487	\$5,405
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Weegie Peabody
 Executive Director
 Board of Elementary and Secondary
 Education
 (225) 342-5840

Legal authority	R.S. 17:10.1	
Year created	1997	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission advises the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on all aspects of a statewide system of school and district accountability.	
Members	Number authorized - 27; currently serving - 27	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 9; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$22,019	\$10,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD

Contact: Mr. Chris Hebert
Assistant Executive Director
(504) 568-5693

Legal authority	R.S. 56:578.2
Year created	1981
Budget unit	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board functions as a liaison with other state, federal, and regional fishery development agencies regarding investment, tax incentives, and other means of assisting the economic development of the Louisiana's commercial seafood industry. The board also develops markets and marketing strategies for all Louisiana seafood products.
Members	Number authorized - 15; currently serving - 14
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 6
Authorized per diem	\$35 per meeting
Employees	2 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	Actual
	June 30, 1998
Per diem	None
Members' travel expenses	\$367
Members' salary	None
Comments	Budget information was not provided.
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SEED COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:1432
Year created	1946
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for licensing and regulating the seed industry and for providing quality seed for Louisiana consumers and producers. The commission is also responsible for a seed certification system which keeps pedigree records for crop varieties and provides a source of genetically pure seed and propagating materials for general distribution.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 1; current year estimated - 1
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SENTENCING COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Carle L. Jackson
Policy Advisor for Criminal Justice
(225) 925-4440

Legal authority	R.S. 15:322
Year created	1987
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The commission serves local and state criminal justice agencies by formulating advisory sentencing guidelines to be considered by the judiciary in determining sentences in particular court cases. The commission conducts an annual review on sentencing in Louisiana and advises the governor and legislature on all matters relating to sentencing.
Members	Number authorized - 23; currently serving - 17
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - none; current year estimated - 2
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	The policy advisor for criminal justice reported that the commission did not meet in 1996, 1997, and 1998. The commission is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the commission.

SERVE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Beverly Shaw
 Fiscal Officer
 Department of Culture, Recreation and
 Tourism
 (225) 342-8198

Legal authority	R.S. 49:1112	
Year created	1993	
Budget unit	Office of Lieutenant Governor	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is charged with encouraging community service as a means of community and state problem-solving, promoting and supporting citizen involvement in government and private programs, developing a long-term comprehensive vision and plan for action for community service initiatives in Louisiana, acting as the state's policy-making body for the corporation on National and Community Service, and serving as the state's liaison to national and state organizations which support its mission.	
Members	Number authorized - 25; currently serving - 24	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 6	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	2 classified; 2 unclassified; 1 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$1,976	\$1,016
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SOUTHERN RAPID RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. John leBourgeois
 Technical Liaison to Chairman
 (504) 568-6633

Legal authority	R.S. 48:1671	
Year created	1980	
Budget unit	Department of Transportation and Development	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission was created to investigate the feasibility of rail passenger service in the tri-state area and to promote and initiate this service based on feasibility.	
Members	Number authorized - 19; currently serving - 19	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 6; current year estimated - 9	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	July 31, 1998	July 31, 1999
Per diem	\$2,400	\$4,100
Members' travel expenses	\$25,500	\$30,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Contact: Reverend Joe R. Gant, Jr.
Chairman
(225) 771-4600

Legal authority	R.S. 17:1851 and 17:3216	
Year created	1975	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for supervising and managing the Southern University System. The system includes Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge, Southern University Law Center, Southern University at Shreveport, and Southern University at New Orleans.	
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 16	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 27; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	December 31, 1997	December 31, 1998
Per diem	\$24,400	\$25,000
Members' travel expenses	\$53,429	\$60,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STADIUM AND EXPOSITION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(Political Subdivision)

Contact: Mr. Harold Asher
Accountant
(504) 525-8524

Legal authority	Act 541 of 1976; Act 640 of 1993	
Year created	1976	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for financing and operating a multi-purpose domed stadium and related facilities.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$3,050	\$7,500
Members' travel expenses	\$2,745	\$18,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STATE EMPLOYEES GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Bruce J. Minor
Fiscal Officer
(225) 925-6615

Legal authority	R.S. 42:871	
Year created	1979	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for adopting rules and regulations for the administration of the State Employees Group Benefits Program. The board provides group health and accident insurance and group life insurance to state employees, state retirees, school board employees, school board retirees, and their dependents.	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 15	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 33; current year estimated - 23	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	355 classified; 3 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$9,051	\$13,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STATE POLICE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Debra Johnson
 Director
 (225) 925-7057

Legal authority	Article X, Part IV, Section 41 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution	
Year created	1991	
Budget unit	Department of State Civil Service	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for administering and regulating the state police classified and unclassified service.	
Members	Number authorized - 7; currently serving - 7	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 18	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	3 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,630	\$2,700
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Mr. Walter W. Smith
Director
(225) 925-4878

Legal authority	R.S. 11:1302	
Year created	1938	
Budget unit	State Police Retirement System	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for managing and administering the fund; authorizing the retirement of any police employee who may be eligible to retire; determining monthly pensions and retirement salaries; and incurring whatever expenses may be necessary to properly administer the fund.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 7; current year estimated - 7	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting	
Employees	2 classified; 2 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$2,000	\$2,500
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Contact: Mr. Bradley E. Spicer
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 922-1269

Legal authority	R.S. 3:1204	
Year created	1938	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The committee is responsible for assisting the supervisors of soil and water conservation districts in carrying out any of their programs.	
Members	Number authorized - 8; currently serving - 8	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$35 per day spent on board business	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$1,890	\$2,100
Members' travel expenses	\$3,830	\$3,800
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Matthew Keppinger
Assistant Commissioner
(225) 925-3770

Legal authority	R.S. 3:3363	
Year created	1942	
Budget unit	Department of Agriculture and Forestry	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for regulating the structural pest control industry to protect the interests, health, safety, and welfare of the public.	
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$40 per meeting day	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$187	\$100
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Contact: Ms. Connie Almond
Fiscal Officer
(225) 922-1041

Legal authority	R.S. 36:642	
Year created	1964	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for assisting post secondary students in obtaining financial resources for the pursuit of their academic goals. Assistance is provided through the guarantee of student loans and through scholarships, grants, and entitlements.	
Members	Number authorized - 17; currently serving - 17	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 13; current year estimated - 12	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	121 classified; 1 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$4,200	\$8,100
Members' travel expenses	\$4,811	\$5,633
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

**SUPPLEMENTAL PAY BOARD OF REVIEW
FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Contact: Mr. James L. Thibodeaux
Deputy Undersecretary
(225) 925-6032

Legal authority	R.S. 33:2218.7
Year created	1962
Budget unit	Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for determining the eligibility of municipal police officers to receive additional pay out of state funds.
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 5; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Rene Joseph Mire
Contracts and Fiscal Coordinator
(225) 922-0690

Legal authority	R.S. 17:2757
Year created	1992
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for recommending and supporting change and improvement in school mathematics and science to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the management boards for colleges and universities, the State Superintendent of Education, and the Commissioner of Higher Education.
Members	Number authorized - 26; currently serving - not provided
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	4 classified; 11 unclassified; 1 part-time
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

**SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Contact: Mr. Rene Joseph Mire
Contracts and Fiscal Coordinator
(225) 922-0690

Legal authority	R.S. 17:2758(A)(4)
Year created	1995
Budget unit	Department of Education
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The executive committee is authorized to act for the council in its absence, except that the executive committee may not authorize the allocation of funds to professional development projects or modify salaries of council staff.
Members	Number authorized - 6; currently serving - 6
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - not provided; current year estimated - not provided
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

TAX COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. James D. Peters
Administrator
(225) 925-7855

Legal authority	R.S. 47:1831	
Year created	1916	
Budget unit	Department of Revenue	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for administering and enforcing Louisiana laws relating to local property tax and public service property tax assessments. The commission is charged with the responsibility of formulating and implementing a system that ensures uniformity of tax assessments throughout all parishes of the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 3; currently serving - 3	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 16; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	32 classified; 4 unclassified	
Participation in state benefit plans	Members and employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$173,000	\$173,000
Members' travel expenses	None	None
Members' salary	\$10,707	\$10,600
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contact: Ms. Theresa Detillier
Accountant Manager
(225) 925-6478

Legal authority	R.S. 11:821	
Year created	1936	
Budget unit	Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for the general administration and proper operation of the Teachers' Retirement System, which provides retirement allowances and other benefits for the teachers of the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 16; currently serving - 16	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 24; current year estimated - 24	
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting day	
Employees	118 classified; 4 unclassified; 5 part-time	
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$18,825	\$21,600
Members' travel expenses	\$35,210	\$51,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS COUNCIL

Contact: Ms. J. Renea Austin
Deputy Commissioner of Administration
(225) 342-7105

Legal authority	R.S. 39:212
Year created	1997
Budget unit	Executive Department
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for establishing policies, procedures, and criteria relative to innovative technological systems and services and their applications to government as well as recommending funding for those proposed projects that meet <i>established requirements</i> .
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 3; current year estimated - 4
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM BOARD

Contact: Ms. Jan Faulkner
 Executive Director
 Commission for the Deaf
 (225) 925-4177

Legal authority	R.S. 46:2352	
Year created	1995	
Budget unit	Department of Social Services	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The board advises the Commission for the Deaf on matters relating to the statewide program to provide access to all public telecommunications services by persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, and others such as severely hearing impaired or severely speech impaired.	
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - 13	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	None	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	None	None
Members' travel expenses	\$117	\$300
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

TUITION TRUST AUTHORITY

Contact: Ms. Connie Almond
Fiscal Officer
(225) 922-1041

Legal authority	R.S. 17:3083	
Year created	1993	
Budget unit	Department of Education	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The authority helps make higher education affordable and accessible to all residents of Louisiana, to assist in the maintenance of state institutions of higher education by helping to provide a more stable financial base to these institutions, to provide the residents of Louisiana with financing assistance, to encourage and enhance the ability of residents to obtain access to institutions of higher education, and to encourage academic excellence.	
Members	Number authorized - 20; currently serving - 20	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 10; current year estimated - 10	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per meeting	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$150	\$450
Members' travel expenses	\$150	\$450
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Contact: Mr. Joey Strickland
Executive Director
(225) 922-0500

Legal authority	R.S. 29:253	
Year created	1944	
Budget unit	Executive Department	
Status	Active	
Purpose/function	The commission is responsible for adopting and promulgating rules and regulations governing the operations of the Department of Veterans Affairs, advising the department's director in problems concerning the welfare of veterans, making and publishing annual and special reports to the governor concerning the operations of the department, and establishing service offices throughout the state.	
Members	Number authorized - 9; currently serving - 9	
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 4; current year estimated - 4	
Authorized per diem	\$50 per day spent on board business	
Employees	None	
Participation in state benefit plans	None	
Members' expense information	Actual	Budget
	June 30, 1998	June 30, 1999
Per diem	\$3,550	\$5,400
Members' travel expenses	\$5,071	\$5,000
Members' salary	None	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.	

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Contact: Mr. Dan Boudreaux
Assistant Secretary
(225) 342-7555

Legal authority	R.S. 23:1294
Year created	1989
Budget unit	Department of Labor
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The council is responsible for monitoring and reporting to the governor and the legislature on the implementation and administration of laws pertaining to the administration of workers' compensation claims and to make specific recommendations thereon.
Members	Number authorized - 13; currently serving - none
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - unknown; current year estimated - none
Authorized per diem	\$75 per meeting
Employees	None
Participation in state benefit plans	None
Members' expense information	None
Comments	There are no members currently serving on the council and no meetings are scheduled for the 1999. The council is not fulfilling the functions for which it was established by law.
Recommendation	The legislature should consider abolishing the council.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION SECOND INJURY BOARD

Contact: Mr. James E. Campbell
 Director
 (225) 342-7866

Legal authority	R.S. 23:1372
Year created	1974
Budget unit	Department of Labor
Status	Active
Purpose/function	The board is responsible for administering the Worker's Compensation Second Injury Fund to determine whether an employer or his insurer is entitled to reimbursement from the fund when a handicapped employee receives a subsequent injury that creates a greater disability than would have resulted from the subsequent injury alone. The board serves all employers and insurance companies writing worker's compensation insurance.
Members	Number authorized - 5; currently serving - 5
Number of meetings	Prior year actual - 12; current year estimated - 12
Authorized per diem	None
Employees	13 classified
Participation in state benefit plans	Employees participate in state benefit plans.
Members' expense information	None
Recommendation	No change recommended.

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